Lloyd Webber pays £10m for 'unseen' Canaletto



Lloyd Webber: will put painting on display

break the world embargo

on its air links yesterday

and threatened tit-for-tat

expulsions against coun-

tries which ordered its en-

The United Nations Sec-

urity Council voted for the

ban on flights to and from

Libya, an arms embargo and

a cut in Libya's diplomatic

staff because Tripoli has re-

fused to extradite two agents

accused of blowing up a Pan

Am airliner over Lockerbie in

Winnie Mandela has been

forced to resign as head of

the African National Con-

gress social welfare depart-

ment, two days after

Nelson Mandela an-

nounced that he was to

separate from his wife.

Police are investigating al-

legations that she was implicated in murders and

kidnappings...... Page 14

Speaking up

Betty Boothroyd is to put her name forward to suc-

ceed Bernard Weatherill as

Commons speaker. The

move is likely to prompt the first contest for the post for

more than 20 years Page 5

Lord Lane retired as Lord

Chief Justice as colleagues

rallied to defend him

against critics. They say he

is being made a scapegoat

Cabinet back

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drawn its threat to resign

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40 points of its all-time high. The index stands 10

per cent above its pre-election level Page 24

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ian air

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

A VIEW of London by Antonio Canaletto was bought for £10.25 million at Christie's yesterday by Andrew Lloyd Webber, who immediately promised to put it on public

Afterwards, the composer of Phantom of the Opera. Evita and Cats joked: "I might have to write another musical before I can think of doing this again." He added that the painting fitted in with his plans to set up a charitable foundation to buv art for Britain.

The Tate Gallery had tried to buy the painting before the sale, but could not raise enough money. Mr Lloyd Webber, 44, said: "When they let me know they could not afford to pay more than £6 million, I realised we had to step in to save it for the nation." The price was a record for

Jets scrambled

to bar Libyan

plane from Italy

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

from Italian air space, before

the war planes came close

enough to intervene. The

plane was flying to Zurich from Tripoli, the Libyan

An Italian airforce state-

ment said that two F104 jets

were ordered to intercept the

plane "by national air de-

fence". It did not state the

nationality of the pilots, but

American war planes are sta-

tioned at the Nato airport at

Sigonella.

LIBYA attempted to about eight nautical miles

an Old Master painting sold in London. The composer had been prepared to pay £2.5 million more. "Although Canaletto is Italian, this is a quintessentially British painting. It is a marvellous painting," he said. "It is the best landscape I have ever seen, even though my main interest is in pre-Raphaelite painting. It is an extraordinary view of London. It has hardly been seen so far and it really must go on public view. I haven't decided yet exactly where it will first be shown."

David Mason, a dealer with the West End firm Maconnal Mason who represented Mr Lloyd Webber during the sale, said: "Andrew was very anxious that the painting should not leave the country." Mr Mason was so confident during bidding that he upstaged the auctioneer. Noel Annesley, by calling out the rising increments himself. The sale lasted just over a minute

The winning bid was £9.2 million, but with a 10 per cent buyer's premium and VAT. Mr Lloyd Webber will pay £10.25 million. The painting, which was sold by the Malmesbury family, will initially have in one of his bourse before it is hang in one of his houses before it is

put on public view.
View of the Old Horse Guards
London from St James's Park is, at 93 inches wide, the largest and among the best preserved works from Canaletto's English years. The previous record for a single work by the artist was £6.87 million paid in 1990 for another London view, The Thames from Westminster.

Yesterday's purchase was wel-comed by a relieved heritage lobby. Three cheers for Andrew Lloyd Webber," Sir Hugh Leggatt, of Heritage in Danger, said. "Lots of buyers would not want to take responsibility for their artistic patrimony like this." A spokesman from the Tate Gallery said: "We are pleased the painting will stay in England." Nicholas Serota, director of the Tate, had earlier condemned Christie's for its "exceptionally high esti-mate" of more than £8 million. He managed to raise £5 million before

Other heritage lobbyists pointed out that, apart from representing the Admiralty Building and St Martins in the Fields, the painting included a glimpse of Downing Street. In their opinion, the government should have bought it for display in

Mr Lloyd Webber is known as a collector of Victorian paintings, so. the Canaletto purchase represents a departure. His trophies include Lord Leighton's Dante in Exile, for which he paid a record £1.1 million at Sotheby's.

"He has the finest collection of Victorian paintings formed in the

last decade," Simon Taylor, head of 19th century paintings at Sotheby's, said. Mr Lloyd Webber was "extremely knowledgeable and has been for many years. He is a real-Victorian enthusiast who is studying the subject all the time. He is not somebody who is simply taking advice from dealers." Apart from the Lord Leighton painting. Mr Taylor said, "there are other £1 million

paintings in his collection".

Mr Lloyd Webber flew into London early this week from his home in France, partly for meetings. in London, and partly to monitor the Canaletto situation. Having heard of his successful bid, he returned to France vesterday after-

His decision to bid was made at the last minute, and it is unlikely that he raised enough cash to pay immediately for the sale. His credit Continued on page 16, col I



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Kate Saunders says Catholics feel guilty about sex - but will her book make matters worse? Life & Times, page 4

BARDIC MYTH



Metamorphosis and the muse: Ted Hughes defends his view of Shakespeare

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Labour power struggle hots up

By Nicholas Wood POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

leadership of the Labour party became a four-cornered contest last night as Margaret Beckett, John Prescott and Ann Clwyd entered the lists alongside Bryan Gould.

the leadership was also complicated when Ken Living-stone, the hard-left MP for Brent East, indicated that he would be a candidate on a platform of defence cuts, unilateral nuclear disarmament. devaluation of the pound and lower taxes on the middle classes. Mr Livingstone will find it difficult to get the 55 nominations he needs to

Mrs Beckett, the undeclared candidate of the existing party hierarchy, starts as a narrow favourite for the deputy leadership over Mr Gould, the shadow environment spokesman, who is also

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THE battle for the deputy The separate struggle for

challenging John Smith lo the main prize as leader.

Her entry into the race immediately prompted suggestions that party bosses had conjured up a "dream ticket" that would sweep to victory in the electoral college on July 18. However, with unease growing at all levels of the party about union leaders and a cabal of senior shadow

LEGEND

Farewell to Nijinsky: the sport of kings mourns as triple crown winner dies

Beckett: narrow favourite for the deputy leadership over Bryan Gould Seven Reshaped cabinet held in sets out priorities

By RICHARD FORD

IRA hunt

SEVEN people were being questioned by police in London and Derby last night in connection with a series of frish republican terrorist at-

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, is to receive a report on whether the security services should take over from the Metropolitan Police special branch responsibility for gathering intelligence about

THE new cabinet met for the first time in Downing Street yesterday to consider the government's programme for the first session of the new Parliament, which runs until November 1993. The setting up of a national lottery, control of bogus refugees and laws covering inner cities and housing are expected in the Queen's speech on May 6.

John Major opened the 40minute meeting with a simple 'welcome back". There were no cheers but the mood of the meeting was friendly and businesslike. "It was business as usual," Downing Street

Surrounded by his handpicked team, a relaxed and confident Mr Major thanked colleagues for their efforts in the campaign and paid par-ticular tribute to the absent pany chairman Chris Patten. Tony Newton, leader of the Commons, told the cabinet that he would be drawing up a considerable legislative pro-

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT the Queen's speech. Further details of the contents and the timetable will be given to the

cabinet on April 30.

The asylum bill, which ensures tighter vetting procedures for refugees, and the national lottery bill will be front runners along with legislation covering education. the citizen's charter, housing, inner cities and the privatisation of parts of British Rail. After greeting newcomers,

Mr Major turned swiftly to cricket, noting that Sir Nicholas Lyell, the new Attorney General, lived in a house once owned by Alfred Myn, the former Surrey cricketer.

He then went on to discuss television news coverage of recent terrorist attacks in London, saying that the cameras has focused on the damage to buildings rather than the people who were killed and wounded. There was a Continued on page 20,col 6

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Personal com*petitors* from



Defiant Libya, vowing that the Arabs would "kneel to nobody but Allah" also tried Less than 12 hours after the announced reciprocal mea-UN sanctions were imposed, to breach the UN embargo by sures against countries that two fighter jets were scramsending passenger jets to followed the the UN line. A bled from Sicily to stop a Egypt and Tunisia in an atforeign ministry source told Libyan airliner entering Italbarrass its Arab Jana, the country's news ace. The plane neighbours. Colonel Gaddafi, agency, that "Libya has beturned back of its own accord. the Libyan leader, has repeatgun reciprocal measures edly denounced the UN sancagainst the states that have INSIDE started to reduce the number tions as an anti-Muslim cruof Libyan employees working sade and he has urged the **ANC** forces at Libyan embassies in their Arab states to show their solidarity with Tripoli. countries". Winnie out

However Egypt, which spearheaded Arab efforts to resolve the dispute over the Lockerbie affair, closed its air space to the flight and ano-

ther which followed. Tunisia also refused to let a Libyan plane enter its air space. Saleh Sirjani, the directorgeneral of Libyan Arab Airlines, said yesterday, however, that his company planned to continue making international flights despite the UN

Despite opposition to the UN action among the Arab masses, most Middle Eastern governments appeared willing to comply with the air embargo. Doubts remained last night, however, about how the Arab states would respond to calls to expel Libyan diplomats and to block arms sales.

Land and sea routes to Libya remain open and Egypt and Maita were among countries planning to transport people and goods. An official in Tripoli said a sanctionsbreaking hovercraft route from Malta was planned and shuttle buses were being arranged in Egypt between airports close to the desert

The UN's other measures began to bite yesterday as diplomats were ordered to leave several countries and by last night, 24 had been expelled. France, which master minded the sanctions resolution with the United States and Britain, announced that six Libyan diplomats had been instructed to leave by April 30. Six diplomats were also ordered to leave Italy and Sweden expelled five Libyan envoys. "It is important that the international community in all ways combats international terrorism," said Margaretha af Ugglas, the Swedish foreign minister. Libva, which has combined

open defiance of the sanctions with frequent unacceptable attempts to find a facesaving compromise, swiftly

Frantic negotiations were continuing behind the scenes last night in an effort to find a diplomatic solution and President Mubarak of Egypt pledged that the diplomacy would continue.

Western sources reported a mood of dejection in Tripoli amid fears that tougher sanctions and a Western military assault would follow. One official said he was awaiting "the next turn of the screw and more Libyans than foreigners were reported to be

trying to leave overland. There was wide evidence of sympathy with Libya across the Arab world. However, among some Arab regimes with close American links. notably Egypt, there were signs of growing impatience with Colonel Gaddafi for failing to agree a workable compromise to a dispute which could spread instability

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday that oil sanctions might be the next move. "We are deliberately taking it one step at a time and not looking forward to the future because we hope the existing measures will be persuasive." He added that oil sanctions were not part of the present plan, but another Western official said: "There is plenty of room for ratcheting up the sanctions."

Delayed effect, page 14 Sanctions catch, page 22

tacks in Britain.

Two men and a woman

were detained in London after a seven-week surveillance operation. Four people were held in Derby, and police are searching for three men wanted in connection with the killing of a recruiting sergeant on Monday. They named one as Joseph Magee, 26, who had previously lived in Armagh, Northern Ireland and had a previous convic-tion for a firearms offence.

mainland IRA activities.

Man named, page 3 | gramme to be announced in Oh to be at the airport, now that April's here



BY HARVEY ELLIOTT TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

A COMBINATION of post-election euphoria and gloomy weather forecasts have prompted thousands of Britons to chase the sun at the Easter weekend.

They may, however, be disappointed.
Tour operators and travel agents had virtually sold their stocks of instant holidays by yesterday afternoon. Thomas Cook said that it had only a few left which may go cheap to anyone with the nerve to turn up at one of its shops. preferably at or near an airport, and negotiate a price.
Thomson Holidays, the biggest tour

operator, agreed that almost everything had gone, from Cairo to Cuba, in the past seven days, with just a few Easter breaks left in Florida. Spain or Greece. Lunn Poly said that late bookers may still be able to get away to Florida, but flexible about which airport they fly from and which hotel they are allocated. The threat of a Spanish hotel-workers' strike — with the possibility of guests having to make their own beds and face restricted menus until resume normal work on Saturday — still looms, but the Association of British Travel Agents said that rour operators would do their

utmost to minimise any problems.
About 250,000 people are expected to fly off on package breaks in the next few days, with almost as many again taking scheduled flights to visit friends and relations. British Airways will use extra staff to cope with the 16,000 interna-tional and 20,000 domestic passengers expected on scheduled services. Flights

to Belfast were very heavily booked. Those bound for mountain holidays may find some of the best skiing conditions for 50 years, with high Alpine resorts reporting deep snow, and more forecast. Newly-opened Euro-Disney was proving a last-minute attraction, although 90 per cent of those wanting to see Mickey Mouse were heading for the "real thing" in Florida or California.

The London Weather Centre said yes-

terday that a front would swing around Britain until Easter Monday, keeping mostly cloudy weather with some sunshine and showers over Britain through-out the holiday. The best weather is likely to be in the south of England, below the Bristol Channel and the Thames estuary, with temperatures at 12C to 14C (54F to 57F).

Shops are hoping for a boost over the holiday weekend. Supermarkets, which will open on all four days for the first time are competing with discounts on such items as fish for Good Friday and wines to accompany spring chicken.
In London, Harrods is to open on

Good Friday for the first time A spokesman said: "We have made the decision in response to public demand."

Currie looks to Europe after giving Major the brush-off



Currie: makes no secret of love for publicity

WITH the timing that marks

out a true politician, Michael

Howard was out with child-

ren in his constituency collect-

ing litter from a churchyard

last Saturday just before he received the telephone call

inviting him to become envi-

ronment secretary. Yes, he says, you can call him an anti-

litter campaigner.
One of his first tasks in the

new role will be on a rather grander scale, joining John

Major and representatives of

175 other nations at the

Earth Summit in Rio de Ja-

neiro to wrangle over the

future of the planet. The main

business will be to secure some kind of global agree-

ment on carbon dioxide emis-

sions and to contribute extra

resources to help poorer coun-

mental commitments. The

careful lawyer shows through

when Mr Howard insists that

YOU DON'T

HAVE TO SCRAMBLE

FOR EGGS.

HARRODS IS OPEN

ALL EASTER.

Your children may be in a hurry to tuck

into their Easter eggs, but you needn't be in a

hurry to buy them. Especially since Harrods

is open from 10am to 5pm on Good Friday, 9am

to 6pm on Saturday and 10am to 5pm on Easter Monday. Although with the wonderful

array of delicious chocolates and eggs you'll

find in our Food Halls on the Ground Floor, we

don't suggest you leave your shopping right

to the last minute. These include a Harrods Vilb

milk chocolate Children's Egg packed in a

wicker duck basket, £7:50, A 1/21b plain or milk

£9-90. And a 11b plain or milk chocolate egg in a basket, £16 90. When you've eventually had your fill of chocolate, our Georgian Restaurant

on the Fourth Floor will be serving a special

Easter buffet, £17.50 (children 5-12 half price,

children under 5 free) between 11am and

4pm on Friday, Saturday and Monday. So why

not visit Harrods sometime this Easter? As

sure as eggs are eggs you'll find us open.

Easter Opening Hours:

Good Friday 10am to 5pm, Easter Saturday 9am

to 6pm and Easter Monday 10am to 5pm.

Harrods Ltd., Knightsbridge, SWIN 7NL. Tel: 071-730 1234.

chocolate Adult's Egg packed in a basket,

EDWINA Currie's hopes of landing a seat in the European parliament, her antipathy towards Kenneth Clarke and her desire to expand her media interests were said yesterday by her friends to lie behind her baffling refusal to take a job in John Major's new government.

As Westminster remained agog at the former junior health minister's snub for Mr Major and speculation raged over her motives, she was uncharacteristically uncommunicative as she left her London flat, telling reporters to "scram".

Asked why she declined the prison portfolio at the Home Office, she responded: "Because of people like you."

Howard intent on

raising green

profile of Tories

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

the negotiators must produce

the machinery to ensure they

There is a profile-raising job to be done for his depart-

ment. Animal welfare got

more space than the environ-

ment in the condensed Tory

manifesto. But the environ-

ment was bound to fade while

the economy was the concern,

Mr Howard says; at the next

election, it will be important.

taxes. But it is no good mov-

ing unilaterally, he says. It

must be done by international agreement. "There is no

point in taking action our-selves which will make little

contribution to resolving the

problems and could well

place us at a significant com-

petitive disadvantage." Mr

He does not rule out carbon

are implemented".

workable agreements and

Edwina Currie, while taking French lessons, is remaining enigmatically silent about rumoured plans to expand her career on the Continent, Nicholas Wood reports

friends suggested that as she strolled up Downing Street on Tuesday afternoon, she may never have seriously intended to accept the prime minister's offer of modest promotion.

Insiders pointed to three factors in Mrs Currie's decision to stay on the back benches and virtually to scripper all chances of making a ministerial comeback. First, she is understood to be

a Euro-sceptical stugh guy for his buttles at the employ-

ment department on the social charter. Does he expect to go

on as an edd man out in Europe in his new depart-

ment, all those squabbles over

British beaches and by-

He is looking forward, he says, to renewing acquaint-ance with Carlo Rips di

Meana, the environment

commissioner. Britain's

record of implementing envi-ronmental directives is good. It is well down the league

table of those facing Commis-sion proceedings. But there is

no mistaking the battle light

behind the grin when Mr

Howard says: There are is-sues on which our interpreta-

tion of Community law does not always coincide with that

of the Commission. That's

perfectly legitimate and, if

necessary, we shall have to test those differences in the

European Court of Justice."

Housing is a particular concern. Mr Howard tackled the subject briefly once be-

fore, until he was whisked

away to become employment secretary. He started the first

Housing Action Trusts and the homelessness initiative.

While he says that the so-cial problems of rough sleep-

ers have been reduced, he ncedes that there is more to

be done. He wants to develop

single programmes giving young people help with all their problems, straddling the employment/environ-

ment boundary with advice

on training as well as

accommodation.

Mr Howard will push on fast with the rents-into-mort-gages scheme to increase the

number of part-home owners, hoping for legislation in the

He is keen to revive the pri-vate rental sector and is confi-dent that the revived Finance

Bill will contain measures al-

lowing home-owners to let

rooms to lodgers without hav-

ing to pay tax.

His department will be backing a bill from the Lord Chancellor's department to

introduce "commonhold", giving residential leasehold-

ers in blocks of flats the right to buy the freehold of their blocks at market rates.

The true test is that of the

nner cities. He sees the new

Urban Regeneration Agency, with his old colleague Peter Walker, as a dynamic force to

unlock some of the obstacles

and will press on with legisla-

tion. The agency will, he be-lieves, sort out some of the land ownership problems

And, as the former employ

ment secretary who presided

over the co-operation of

en with the

and inject private capital.

mentary session ahead.

However, some of her closest planning to stand as a candidate in the 1994 Euro-elections. She is believed to have told Conservative central office of her ambitions. Mrs Currie, who supported Michael Heseltine in the leadership contest, has become increasingly enthusiastic about Britain's European role in recent years. Had she returned to the government. she would have had to abandon such schemes. The fact

that she has been taking

French lessons is circumstantial evidence.

Second, she is said not to have forgiven Kenneth Clarke over the way he behaved during the salmonella-in-eggs affair that led to her resignation in December 1988. She had no wish to be reunited with him at the Home Office.

Mr Clarke was her boss at the health department and, according to her version of events, it was he who ordered her not to retract her explosive comment that "most" egg production in the country was infected. At the same time, Tory MPs, urged on by egg producers facing finan-cial ruin, were demanding her head. Her fate was sealed at a meeting of the executive of the backbench 1922 committee of Tory MPs. The following day she was gone with no word of regret for the uproar she had caused.

One source said yesterday: "She was told by Ken Clarke to keep her mouth shut. She was simply allowed to twist quietly in the wind." For his part, Mr Clarke was said yesterday to have been keen to have her back at his side and to remain an admirer of her talent for getting the message across.

Third, Mrs Currie, who has never made any secret of her taste for publicity, is said to believe that her long-term future lies in becoming a television and newspaper ce-

A NEW era of a "user-friendly" Scottish Office was ush-

ered in yesterday when Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, introduced his ministerial team. All are among the most popular Conservatives north

Lord Fraser of Carmyllie. previously Lord Advocate, takes over from Michael For-

syth as minister of state. Lord

Fraser, who has been in charge of Lockerbie investiga-

tions, will take into his portfo-lio health, social work and

home affairs, including con-

This latter responsibility

was seen as a sign that the

government hopes to defuse

the constitutional issue. Lord

Fraser is president of the

Scottish Tory Reform Group.

which backs a form of devolu-

tion. Although the govern-

ment is hardly about to

concede home rule, it may at

least confuse the opposition.

Lord James Douglas-

Hamilton takes on education.

Allan Stewart keeps industry

and local government, as well

stitutional topics.

of the border.

Lang introduces

user-friendly team

lebrity along the lines pio-neered by such figures as Robert Kilroy-Silk. Brian Walden, Norman Tebbii and Austin Mitchell. At one time, she was being paid £2,000 a column by Today newspaper and she is keen to keep open the door to that

kind of money and fame. "She loves publicity and being in the papers," one friend said yesterday. "She loves the media. She sees herself as being more successful, more prominent and more effective than Tebbit or Mitchell. I am sure that is what she is looking for. If she had taken a job in the gov-ernment, it would have closed off that option immediately."

that the Tory party will pro-mote for all its worth in the

run-up to district council elec-

Mr Lang and Lord Sander-

son of Bowden, the Scottish

party chairman, will try to

Tory general election gains,

and hope to take more of the 53 district councils into their

control. The Tories control only three: Bearsden and

Milingavie, Berwickshire, and

Eastwood. Edinburgh, lost to

Labour eight years ago, and Stirling may be within their

grasp. They will also fight

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hard for Aberdeen and try to end in Perth and Kinross a

coalition of Scottish National

Party, Liberal Democrat and

Labour, which controls 27

districts, will be fighting to

Independent

keep up the momentum of

tions on May 7.

Downing Street brings in new faces

BY JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ALEX Alian is to be John Major's principal private secretary. Downing Street announced yesterday. Mr Allan. 41, who served as principal private secretary to Nigel Lawson when Chancellor. succeeds Andrew Turnbuli. who returns to the Treasury.

Other changes at Downing Street include the retirement of Sir Percy Cradock, the prime minister's adviser on foreign affairs. He will be succeeded by Sir Rodric Braining American Ameri thwaite, 59, Britain's ambassador to Moscow. Sir Peter Levene. 50. former chief of defence procurement. has becomes the prime minister's adviser on efficiency.

succeeding Sir Angus Fraser. David Heathcoat-Amory becomes deputy chief whip. replacing Alastair Goodlad who becomes a Foreign Office minister, while Sydney Chapman becomes vice-chamberlain of Her Majes-ty's Household taking over from John Taylor who has moved to the Lord Chancel-

lor's department. Timothy Wood and Timothy Boswell move from assistant whips to senior whips while Andrew Mackay. MP for Berkshire East, Robert Hughes (Harrow West) and James Arbuthnot (Wanslead and Woodford), join the gov-

ernment as assistant whips. Richard Wilson moves from the Treasury to replace Sir Terence Heiser as permanent secretary at the environment department.

Pilot blamed for oil deaths

The deaths of six people when a helicopter crashed into a crane on a North Sea oil platform could have been avoided if the pilot had taken a safer course, the official report published today says.

Sheriff Douglas Risk said that Captain David Anderton, who died in the crash in July 1990, had, only minutes beforehand, flown the Sikorsky S61N too close to the crane. Sheriff Risk added that there were other ways open of approaching the Brent Spar loading terminal. "The accident might have been avoided if he had adopted an approach which enabled him to keep the crane in

wins new **Boy drowns**

A boy aged 13 died yesterday on an Easter holiday after being swept into the water by a wave as he walked along a small sea wall at Burton Bradstock, near Bridport, Dorset. A friend also fell into the sea but managed to struggle ashore and raise the alarm. The crew of a Royal Navy helicopter from RNAS Portland pulled the boy from the sea but he was certified dead on arrival at Weymouth and District Hospital.

Nigel Short dismayed his supporters by failing to win the adjourned third game of world championship semi-final in Linares, Spain, against the Russian former world champion Anatoly Karpov. The game, with Short playing black, had been adjourned on Tuesday after 61 moves with Short a pawn ahead and apparently poied to win. But he lost his advantage last night and settled for a draw.

Publican shot

training and enterprise counchampion its cause in the cils, he remains excited by the annual battle for funds. Portillo: the new chief secretary to the Treasury.

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE usually dapper Graeme Souness was in deep trouble yesterday. Not only was the Liverpool soccer manager, recovering from a triple heart bypass operation, criticised for selling the story of his surgery to The Sun, he was photographed leaving hospital wearing striped pyjamas.

rospital wearing striped pyjamas.

Today's man, according to the nightwear industry, does not wear striped pyjamas. He wears, if he wears anything at all, plain colours. Mr Souness, according to popular newspaper reports, made a brief bolt for freedom without the approval of for freedom without the approval of his doctors, he would therefore have

Greater Manchester, it is being as-sumed that the pyjamas were his own, and not the institutional issue

By having his picture in the newspapers, Mr Souness has unwittingly raised the question of what men wear in bed when they are not expecting to be rushed to hospital. A straw policonducted by The Times yesterday, with a 3 per cent margin of error either way, indicated that 49 per cent wore nothing. 49 per cent wore something, from boxer shorts to full-winceyette fig, and 2 per cent fa-voured the traditional nightshirt. Roy Dyson, managing director of Tootal Leisure, one of the country's

missed the poll as being as unreliable

as those on an another topic of late. Fifty per cent of men wear nothing in bed, 50 per cent wear pyjamas, and another 50 per cent tell you they

Most pyjamas, Mr Dyson said, were bought by women for men. Those in plain dyed colours were by far the most popular, followed by traditional striped patters in cotton, but with the stripe woven into the fabric in red satin. "The latter are for the nocturnal peacock who wakes up in the night to look at himself in the

mirror." Mr Dyson said.
Central heating dealt a body-blow to the pyjama trade, but there has been a slight resurgence in recent years, Mr Dyson said. "It is all to do with travel. You want to look decent in the said to the

brings in your morning tea." Younger men favoured sleeping in boxer shorts, which were invented by the textile industry out of pyjama and shirting offcuts.

Marks & Spencer, Britain's largest pyjama retailer, said that plain coloured pyajamas, especially in navy, wine, or bottle green, were the market leaders, although those of tradi-tional regimental stripe had never entirely gone out of fashion; the company always stocked at least one range with traditional tie-cord rather can elastic to keep up the trousers.

Pyjama, as a garment and a word, is a derivation from ancient India and Persia, meaning leg clothing. We say pyjama; but in America they say "pajama". Let's take the whole thing





maintain its pre-eminence in local government and will face a strong challenge from the nationalists. Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, said that the party would seek a mandate to demand a multi-option referendum on

Liberal Democrats under

Science

champion

By Nigel Hawkes

SCIENCE EDITOR

THE prime minister has sig-

nalled a higher priority for science in the new govern-

ment by giving responsibility for a new Office of Science

and Technology to William Waldegrave, Chancellor of

Department of Education and Science, and incorporate

the chief scientific adviser in

the Cabinet Office, Professor

William Stewart, who be-

comes head of the office. The

office will also be responsible

for the Advisory Committee

on Science and Technology and the Advisory Board for the Research Councils.

The changes reflect John

Major's view that since sci-

ence and technology affect

the work of all departments it

makes sense to handle them

Yesterday, Save British Science said the change was "a signal to scientists, industry,

and the public that science

policy is going to be taken seriously for the first time in

Britain". Science will now

have a single department to

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another name.

as planning and House of Commons responsibility for health. Sir Hector Monro will be responsible for agriculture, fisheries and forestry, the arts; sport and heritage and the constitution. The Liberal Democrats have more say in local governthe environment. ment than it might appear since many independents are

The team was referred to last night as the "user-friendly Scottish Office": an image

Hard-line rumours denied

BY EDWARD GORMAN RELAND CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Mates, the new Northern Ireland Office minister of state, with responsibility for security in the province, yesterday played down suggestions that his apcointment, and that of Sir Patrick Mayhew, as North-ern Ireland secretary, sig-nalled a harder line by the government on terrorism.

Speaking on BBC Radio Ulster, Mr Mates said that he believed that the new Stormont team would be as diligent in its search for political

progress as its predecessor. "Everybody knows that security isn't the answer. Security is essential so that we can try to lead as normal a life as possible, but there has to be a political solution."

Mr Mates added that he believed that there was no: reason why the present strate-gy of police in the primary role, with the army in support, should not continue. Defeating terrorism was a matter of achieving the best possible level of co-operation.

Some observers, including some Unionists, predict that Mr Mates, like many of his predecessors, will talk tough but not try to depart from

the Duchy of Lancaster. The new office will take Short foiled over responsibility for the five research councils from the

Ned McCreery, a publican from east Belfast and a former leading loyalist was murdered by a lone gunman outside his home early yesterday . Mr McCreery, 46, was shot as he left his car outside his bungalow in Dundonald on the eastern outskirts of the city and died at the scene. He had a grown-up family and ran a bar at Templemore Avenue in loyalist east

EASTER EGG

Our reliable source says that this year Easter eggs are definitely out, and that the brilliant colourful family game

SPECTRANGLE is in. The makers apologise to all children for not producing any edible SPECTRANGLES, but hope that these will be around next Easter, In the meantime stocks are being consumed quickly u W.H. Smith, Harrods, Hamleys, all leading department stores and good toy shops.

Souness torn off a stripe for pyjama games

to wear something under the purple dressing gown in which he was also wrapped. As he was treated privately

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Police name man wanted over murder of soldier

By CRAIG SETON

POLICE have named one of Silver Hill Road, Derby, with the three men they want to question in connection with the murder of Sergeant Michael Newman in Derby on Monday. They said that Joseph Philip Paul Magec, 26. and the two other suspects were dangerous and

could be armed.

Mr Magee, who comes from Northern Ireland, was named yesterday after armed police raided four homes in Derby, including that of his

sister, Kate Magee.
Derbyshire police disclosed last night that four people had been arrested under the provisions of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act during the investigation of the shooting. The four were understood to have been detained on Monday, the day of the shooting. On Tuesday a magistrate gave permission for them to be held for a further period for questioning. They do not include any of the three men being sought in connection with the attack.

Don Dovasion, an assistant chief constable of Derby shire, confirmed that Mr Magee had previous convictions, including one for a firearms offence, and had been sentenced to a total of six years imprisonment at Belfast crown court in 1987.

It also emerged that Mr Magee, who has previously lived in co. Armagh, North-ern Ireland, shared a house in a local girl called Fiona and that they have a son, Seamus, aged about 12 months. Mr Magee regularly travelled be-tween Ulster and Derby.

The RUC received a request from Derbyshire police yesterday to keep a lookout for him in case he returned to the province. Police in Northern Ireland say he had con-nections with the Irish National Liberation Army (iNLA) but was not wanted by the RUC for any terrorist

crime.
The INLA has admitted killing Sgt Newman, 34, a recruiting officer. His killer shot him once in the head with a small calibre handgun after he had left work at the combined Army and Navy careers office in Derby. Two men who had followed him



Magee: police say that he could be armed

Third person held after London raids

By RICHARD FORD AND NICHOLAS WATT

ANTI-TERRORIST detectives were questioning a third person last night held as part of a police investigation into

IRA activities in Britain. The arrests, under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, and the discovery of an arms and explosives cache could herald a breakthrough for police investigating a series of IRA attacks on the mainland.

The three were detained after enquiries and surveilweeks, according to anti-terrorist sources. A man and a woman held at a bungalow in Northolt, west London, late on Monday were being quesnoned at Paddington Green police station. A third person. believed to work for an estate agent, was arrested in north London on Tuesday night and is also being held at the police station.

The couple are known locally as Audrey Masters and Jimmy Canning. Their detention for 48 hours, before application to the home secretary for an extension, was due to run out last night. After the arrests, police found an arms cache in a lock-up garage at Uxbridge, four miles from the Northolt bungalow. It is understood

that the haul included 100 lb

of Semtex explosive, 12 fire-

arms, including Kalashnikov rifles, and bomb-making equipment. The garage and two others in a row of 19 had recently been repossessed. Morgan Williams, 21.

whose flat overlooks the garage, said: "On Tuesday morning I saw about 15 police officers arrive. They removed about 12 plastic binliners and three blue and white boxes. They took photos of the garage door and went inside and started taking photos of the floor, walls and

the garage doors." Police are understood to be questioning the three people about IRA attacks, including the small bomb that exploded in Soho, central London, on April 6, causing damage but no injuries, and the bomb defused last June outside the Alfred Beck's Theatre in Hayes, west London. That device was timed to go off during a concert of the Blues

and Royals military band. Anti-terrorist sources emphasised that they believe at least two IRA active service units are operating on the mainland and an intensive hunt is still being carried out for those responsible for the weekend blasts in London and other attacks, including those on the rail and Under ground networks.

escaped in a car driven by a third man.

Mr Dovaston issued a photograph of Mr Magee and a description of two other men, one known as "Wacko". Both are said to speak with Irish accents and are believed to have been in Derby for some days before the killing.
Mr Dovaston said that

police in Britain and abroad had been notified and he asked for further public help in tracing the men. "Members of the public should take no action, but notify the police immediately. They are a danger." The firearm used in the attack had not been recovered.

Mr Magee is described as about 5ft 4in, slim and weighing about eight and a half stone. He has a fair complexion, blue eyes and thinning and receding short, straight, fair hair. He has a four-inch scar on his left leg and a scar on his right wrist On his left arm is a tattoo of a heart with the letter A inside and the names Pat and Joe

The second man, Wacko, is aged between 22 and 25, 5ft 7in, and has short, light brown, receeding and thin-ning hair. He has a round face and an athletic build and is tanned. He is clean shaven and occasionally wears gold-rimmed glasses. The third man is aged between 20 and 22, 6ft, of slim to medium build, with short, dark hair and a ruddy complexion. He has a Mexican-style mous-tache and the letter F tattooed on one forearm.

Police said that two men had followed Sgt Newman, a member of the Royal Corps of Signals, towards his car after he had finished work. After shooting him, they ran to a gold Ford Granada in which a driver was waiting. It sped off and was abandoned a quarter of a mile away. The three occupants escaped on

Police said that the car may have been seen parked in the Northumberland Street area of Derby in the days before the shooting. Witnesses had seen one of the three running men lagging behind his accomplices, who shouted to him to catch up.

One of the houses searched by police was in Northum-berland Avenue, in the Normanton area of Derby. Neighbours said that it had been occupied for about four years by Kate Magee, 30, who lived there with her son, Christopher, aged about eight. Police entered through the loft of a neighbouring

A neighbour, who asked not to be named, said that Joseph Magee was a regular visitor and had been there at the weekend. He often turned up with other men. She said that he walked with a limp caused by being shot in the leg. She added: "He was a nice polite chap."

A statement issued by the INLA said that recruiting of-ficers were part of the "British war machine".



Searching: police frogmen on the fast-flowing Nidd, looking for a baby said to have been thrown in



Missing: Tara Calnan, aged five months

Police look for baby 'thrown in river'

POLICE yesterday searched a six-mile length of river for a girl of five months whose mother claimed that she had thrown the child into the water from a road bridge (Paul Wilkinson writes).

North Yorkshire police began an enquiry after de-taining, at the Busby Stoop Inn, near Thirsk, on Tuesday a woman aged 30 who had allegedly telephoned home to say she had dumped her baby Det Supt Ian Peacock, leading the search for Tara Calnan, said yesterday: "We

are keeping an open mind on

what might have happened to the child, but if what this woman tells us is true I am very fearful for its life." Tara was allegedly thrown

into the Nidd at dusk on Monday. The search was of a stretch from a bridge on the A61 at Killinghall to Knaresborough. Frogmen investigated the muddy waters, and officers with dogs searched the banks.

Police want to hear from anyone who saw the white Astra GTE car driven by the woman, who is single, and



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BLEASDALE'S FINEST HOUR



Forget writing: the most glittering prize of Alan Bleasdale's career was with Huyton boys' football team

Ringleaders await sentence as Strangeways trial ends

Judge sets hostage taker free

A DISTRAUGHT husband who held medical staff and police hostage at a health centre after his wife's death from breast cancer was freed by the Central Criminal Court yesterday as "an act of

mercy". Outside court, Lance Williams. 36, a scaffolder, of Sutton, Surrey, vowed to continue his medical negligence claim against his wife Andrea's GP, Dr Patricia Carson, and the Westminster hospital where she was treat-

ed and died. Passing a two-year sentence, suspended for two years and coupled with a supervision order, Mr Justice Leonard said: "You have escaped prison by the skin of your teeth but I have come to the conclusion it would be heartless. It's an act of

Williams had admitted two charges of false imprisonment at an earlier hearing.

Fourth man convicted of jail riot By RONALD FAUX AND RAY CLANCY

FOUR men found guilty of rioting in Britain's worst jail disturbance will be sentenced Taylor, 27, and John Spencer, 30, together with Tiny Doran, 25, and James Miller. 31, were found guilty after a

12-week trial at Manchester

crown court which ended vesterday. Four others were cleared of taking part in the riot. Alan Lord, 30. Martin McLatchie. 35, Andrew Nelson, 22, and Brian Parke, 23, had all denied charges of riot, as had

convicted After the final verdict on Miller was returned yesterday, Mr Justice Mantell told the six men and six women on the jury that they could be excused jury service for life.

the four prisoners who were

The court was told how violence flared during a Sunday morning chapel service at the prison on April 1, 1990, when Taylor grabbed a microphone from the chaplain prisoners that violence was time to time," Mr O'Friel, Noel Procter. Prison officers were overpowered, keys taken slipped to prison staff. In Governors' Association, said. and the jail systematically spite of these signals, prison wrecked. Spencer claimed from the witness box that he

had planned the riot after

receiving a beating from prison officers. The cost of the disturbances is still being counted and estimates suggest that the final bill will be more than £100 million. The riot turned into a 25-day siege and prompted violence in other prisons, including Bristol and

Dartmoor. An enquiry was ordered, which led to an overhaul of the prison system. Unrest had been growing at Strangeways for some time. The Victorian fail was designed to hold 970 prisoners but, when the riot started, there were 1.646 inmates.

most sharing cells and locked up for 23 hours a day without proper toilet facilities. Written warnings from

officers in the chapel were surprised and quickly

overpowered. During the siege, prisoners basked in sunshine on fine days, threw tiles into the streets below and harangued journalists, police and prison officers with excuses for their actions. They shouted quotations from Byron and Marx.

The prison authorities were thrown into disarray over how to handle the riot. The subsequent enquiry by Lord Justice Woolf found that a plan, produced by Brendan O'Friel, the governor, to retake Strangeways on the second day of the riot was rejected by Brian Emes, deputy director general of the

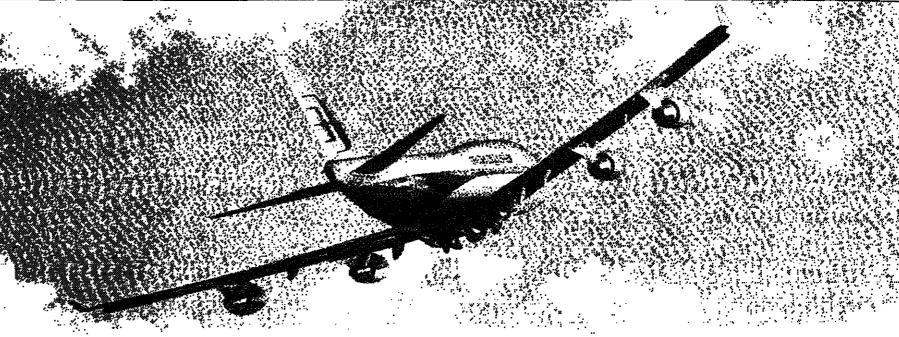
prison service. "I think prison disturbances will still occur from

about to break out were now chairman of the Prison tem you run, you have very difficult people in combinations you occasionally have not anticipated. Then something very bad goes off. One just hopes nobody else has to face anything like that again." He said that too much change too fast was not necessarily the best way

forward. The Woolf report's analysis of prison conditions and of how the riot developed was an indictment of the state of Strangeways and the handling of the violence. Lord Justice Woolf said that inmates had repeatedly told the enquiry that, if they were treated like animals, they would behave like animals.

Improvements have since been made. Each prisoner has his own cell and proper sanitation.

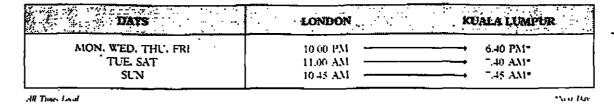
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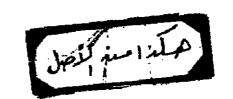
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Prospect of woman Speaker presents Major his first test

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

JOHN Major's first parlia-mentary test will be to decide whether to support the nomination of Labour's Betty Boothroyd as the first woman Speaker of the Commons.

RSTAY AND

Miss Boothroyd, a deputy speaker and an ex-Tiller girl, confirmed yesterday that she intended to put her name forward after the retirement of Bernard Weatherill.

Her decision appears certain to provoke the first contest between MPs for the post for more than 20 years. She has been encouraged by sup-port from several senior Tory MPs, including John Biffen. He said: "Betty Boothroyd has been an effective deputy speaker. On ability and merit she now deserves to be speaker and I shall certainly sup-

port her."
Ted Heath, the new father of the House, is also on record as believing it would be "just and fair" to elect a speaker from the Labour benches. When the new parliament meets for the first time on April 27, the first job of the Commons will be to pick the

The prime minister has told colleagues that he feels that the new Speaker should be a Tory because the party won the election. The names most commonly mentioned are Peter Brooke, who has stood down as Northern Ireland secretary; Paul Channon, a former cabinet minister; Terence Higgins,

former Treasury minister and chairman of the Commons liaison committee; and the former minister Sir Giles Shaw. None has served on the speaker's panel. There is pressure on Mr

Major to show "magnanimity in victory", as well as proving his determination to promote women to top jobs. The selection of Speaker is a jealously guarded right of backbenchers and the stance adopted by Mr Major will set the tone for the forthcoming

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snubbed in 1983 when she made clear that she favoured the former Tory chief whip Sir Humphrey Atkins (now Lord Colnbrook) for the post. The MPs opted for Mr Weatherill.

Yesterday Miss Boothroyd said: "If the House wants me, and they must decide, then I am prepared to be put at their service." She saw no reason why there should not be a contest, although the nomination had been unchallenged since Selwyn Lloyd

took up the post.
Miss Boothroyd, 62, MP
for West Bronwich, has been one of three deputy speakers since 1987 and served her apprenticeship with firmness laced with good humour. Her first ambition was to be a dancer and she spent a year as a Tiller girl. Later she became personal assistant to a series of MPs and peers before finding a constituency and entering Parliament.



Ready to serve: Betty Boothroyd outside Parliament yesterday

Russia takes shine to Reliant Robin

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THE Reliant Robin has won its place in British motoring history as the transport for one of the nation's most popular comic characters and vehicle for a hundred motoring jokes. Yet to Russians it could represent a new breed of exciting motor car to rival the Lada for attention on the country's

crumbling highways. Executives at Reliant yesterday disclosed that they were negotiating to allow the Russians to build versions of their little 850cc cars for sale in the Commonwealth of Independent

A delegation travels from Moscow to the Midlands tomorrow for talks which could decide whether Reliant, the marque chosen by Derek "Del Boy" Trotter as the key mode of transport for Trotter's Independent Trading in the BBC series Only Fools and Horses, will tempt upwardly mobile

Russian consumers. The delegation, from Autokam, a conglomerate of manufacturing and trading companies, also wants to provide components for Reliants made at the company's headquarters factory at Tamworth, Staffordshire. Lou O'Toole, managing director of Beans Engineering, which bought Reliant from the receiver last August, said yesterday. "We are at the earliest stages of negotiation but there does seem to be a chance that we could set up something be-

tween us."

Autokam, using cheaper labour, wants to provide components ranging from the glass reinforced plastic bodies to electrical parts. However, the company is also trying to find a model that will meet huge demand in a country where the waiting list for a car can be seven years. Consumers have the money but Lada. the principal producer, can-

not meet the demand. The Reliant would use the same 850cc engine that powers the little Robin three-wheeler, now enjoy ing a minor revival since

Beans Engineering saved the company from closure. The Tamworth factory is making 32 cars a week to order, mainly for customers looking for cheap, reliable motoring. Mr O Toole says. Over the next few months the company will relaunch its Scimitar and Sabre

Labour deputy leadership

Ex-waiter who serves the cause

By Nicholas Wood POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Prescott stands out as one of the last working class heroes in a parliamentary Labour party swollen with former college lecturers. council bureaucrats and trade union officials from academia. The son of a railwayman, he failed the 11-plus and left school at 15 to join the merchant navy as a steward on cruise liners.

Opportunity beckoned in sored place at Ruskin, Ox-

Leftwinger with lots of nerve

ANN CLWYD

THE melodious tones of Ann Clwyd encouraging the local people to "Vote Labour" wafted across the rain-swept market square in Brecon, rudely interrupting Paddy Ash-down's highly publicised visit (Sheila Gunn writes).

In the event, the voters ignored both pleas and turned Tory, but the incident once again showed that Ms Clwyd has plenty of nerve

The small, blonde leftwinger took on the maledominated world of Welsh Labour politics to become the first woman to represent a south Wales mining valley. More recently, she travelled with virtually no protection into war-torn areas on the Iraq-Iran borders to see the

plight of Kurdish refugees. As a former journalist and broadcaster, she has the gift of lucidly describing, with sincerity, her findings on trips abroad as shadow overseas aid minister. That has offset the problem of her fierce opposition to nuclear weapons

ford's trade union college, and a BSc in economics from Hull University. In 1970, at the age of 32, he was elected MP for Hull, where he lives with his wife Pauline.

More than most, Mr Prescott, 53, is a prisoner of his past and his prickly temperament. At Westminster, he is famed for his tea-room tiffs, most notably with James Callaghan over defence policy just before the 1983 election. and with various Tory backbenchers over slights real and

More seriously for his hopes of advancement, Mr Prescott has regularly fallen out with Neil Kinnock. Three years ago, he was strong-armed into withdrawing his challenge to Roy Hattersley for the deputy leadership, only to be publicly humiliated by Mr Kinnock a few hours later. He also clashed with Mr Kinnock over the Gulf war and his membership of the "supper club", a group of Labour MPs dedicated to curbing their party's support for the war.

Yet there is another side to him. He is hard-working, dedicated to his party's cause and never happier than when harrying some unfortunate

He has an engaging can-dour and a rumbustious wit. Nicholas Soames, the leading member of the aristocratic tendency on the Conservative benches, has long amused himself by ordering another gin and tonic from the former Cunard waiter across the floor of the house. "I don't mind that," Mr Prescon told one interviewer. "Lord Carrington once said: 'Haven't we met somewhere before?' I told him: 'Yes, on a yacht in the Mediterranean when you were having lunch at the captain's table. I was

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Prudent socialist tempered ideology

By Sheila Gunn political correspondent

THE conversion of Margaret Beckett from hard-left trouble-maker into strict keeper of the public spending purse has been remarkable even by Labour party standards.

Today's smart, businesslike figure, vowing there would be no free-for-all under a Labour government, is the same woman who backed Arthur Scargill during the miners' strike, opposed the expulsion of Derek Hatton and Co and lashed out at Neil Kinnock tor not supporting Tony Benn's deputy leadership bid.

Her background explains her initial left-wing tendencies but in it can also be found the seeds of her prudent approach to money. The eldest of the three Jackson sisters. she was brought up in poor put politically aware surroundings in Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester. For Mrs Beckett, education and politics was the way out. She joined the Labour party in 1965 and, after a spell running the electron microscope laboratory at

MARGARET BECKETT

Manchester University, opted for full-time politics in 1970 in Labour's research department. She won Lincoln in 1974 by only 984 votes. Within a few months she was in the whips' office, an avowed left-winger and member of the Tribune group.

In 1976 she accepted James Callaghan's offer to become junior education minister in place of Joan Lestor, who resigned in protest at spending cuts. Three years later she lost her Lincoln seat but married local party chairman Leo Beckett, who now works as her secretary at Westminster. She returned to the Commons in 1983 after scraping through

to win Derby South. She resigned from the Campaign group in 1987 when it challenged Neil Kinnock's leadership and was later rewarded with the dubious privilege of controlling Labour's purse strings. The words most commonly on her lips nowadays are "when resources allow".

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Teachers at fee-paying schools hit by closures

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

independent schools have lost their jobs or are facing redun-dancy, a teachers' union reported yesterday.

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The Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association. which has the biggest union membership in independent schools, has recorded 256 redundancies from ten school closures in less than a year. Another 95 teachers in 51 schools are serving notice or

appealing against dismissal. Peter Smith, the association's general secretary, said that the threat of redundancy was growing in state and independent schools. He told the association's annual conference in Solihull, West Mid-lands, that at least 300 members' jobs were at risk in the state sector, and the

number would increase. Mr Smith appealed to John Patten, the education secretary, to review the operation of local management of schools. "I cannot think that any sensible educational reform would put large num-bers of committed, dedicated and professional people under annual threat of redundancy. That cannot be the way to recruit, retain or moti-

vate teachers."

The system worked well

Debts may increase child abuse

BY OUR EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

CHILD abuse may be increasing because of financial pressures on families, delegates to the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association conference were told

vesterday. The economy has been in recession, but child abuse figures have not," David Clout, a member of the association's executive and of Hertfordshire's child protection committee, said. "Certain types of increased due to the extra strains on family life caused severe economic

problems." Mr Clout said that teachers could detect early signs of child abuse. About 40 per cent of suspected abuse cases were reported by schools. Nursery and primary teachers spent more time with some children than their parents and so knew them better. but most teachers were not trained in child protection.

The association's annual conference called for government funding for training, and agreed to provide support for members dealing with cases of abuse. Janet Burn, of Bushey Hall School, Hertfordshire, said that listening to a child's problems was emotionally draining and often brought back painful memories for the teacher concerned.

HUNDREDS of teachers at where there was enough money to allow schools flexibility. but in too many cases its effects were damaging. "If you take the Skoda badge off a car and put on a Rolls-Royce badge it does not make

it go any better."

Local authorities have forecast that more than 12,000 teaching posts will be lost during the next financial year. The association believes that teachers in small schools

are particularly at risk. Day after day come fresh stories of proposals to ditch teachers by hard-up schools and school governors trying to balance the books," Mr Smith said. "Not so well publicised, but certainly just as distressing and serious, is the plight of teachers working in fee-paying schools. In

many cases the matter is not even discussed. The staff arrive one morning, or receive in the post a letter announc-ing that the school has shut and they are out of a job." The Independent Schools

Information Service said that shortage of money was forcing governors to act. "If a school is struggling, gover-nors have a difficult prospect facing them. If they disclose too early to parents that they are taking drastic measures, it almost ensures support for the school will ebb away. It guarantees the outcome they

are trying to avoid."

Most of those to have closed in the past year are girls' schools. The largest numbers of redundancies have been at Oakdene School, Beaconsfield, and St Brandon's School, Clevedon, Somerset; where 56 teachers lost their

Several well known independent schools have cut teaching posts. Cheltenham College has a backlog of unpaid fees and Ampleforth College, near York, whose head teacher, Father Dominic Milroy, chairs the Headmasters' Conference, has had its pupil numbers fall. An association official said that at least 90 more redundancies were expected nationally.

Mr Smith said that preparatory schools were in most easily afford the 7.5 per cent salary rise paid to teachers this month. "The notion that the independent schools are in a sort of velvet lined rut, absolutely immune to the pressures we have been talking about, is certainly not correct.



Father Dominic: head with falling school roll



Easter parade: two of the new collection of hats from Frederick Fox, milliner to the Queen, on show yesterday in London, where many of his royal creations from the past 23 years can be seen at the Sovereign exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum

Celebrities sign up for fight to save the milkman

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE

CORRESPONDENT SPORTS and showbusiness celebrities joined charities and the National Dairy Council yesterday to launch a campaign to save the daily milk round.

Over the past decade, su-permarkets' share of railk sales has grown relentlessly. "Some 30,000 milkmen still deliver 17 million pints a day

Court bans

reporting

of care case

The future of a boy aged ten placed by a London local

authority in the care of his jailed mother's lesbian lover will be decided by a High

Court judge in August.
The Official Solicitor, who

protects the interests of those

who cannot represent them-selves, is being called in on the boy's behalf. Mr Justice

Ewbank, the Family Division

judge, yesterday banned further reporting of the case

until at least August. Impos-

ing an injunction, he said

that the woman, who had a

conviction for supplying her-

oin, and the boy had been pestered by reporters.

The judge said that there was obviously concern about

the boy and, although the

authority considered his situ-

ation to be "secure and sta-

ble", there would be a review

Funds abused

Terrence Evans, 50, of Cob-ham, Surrey, a senior diplo-

mat was jailed for nine months for using British

High Commission bank ac-

counts in Jamaica to make money on the country's black

market. Evans pleaded guilty

at Southwark crown court,

south London, to eight

charges of false accounting

over a two year period from 1984 involving more than \$150,000 — about £88,000

The court was told that he

had used the profits largely to pay for improvements to High Commission residential

at today's rates.

property in Jamaica.

Queen award

Bohemian Rhapsody, the

1970s operatic style pop

record by Queen and featuring the singer Freddie Mer-cury who died last year, has

won the Ivor Novello award

as best selling record of last

year. The award, made by the British Academy of Songwrit-

ers. Composers and Authors,

marked the record's return to

the hit parade in November,

three weeks after Mercury's

The Box Tree restaurant at

Ilkley, West Yorkshire, one of the few British restaurants to

win a coveted rosette from the

Michelin Guide has gone into receivership, with debts of £65.000. The business.

which opened more than 30 years ago and has twice won

the Egon Ronay Best Restaurant in Britain award, is to continue while a new owner is

Secret millions An unnamed man has won a record £2,137,917 jackpot from Littlewoods pools. The married man from south London has requested no

publicity bu. t in a statement issued through Littlewoods,

said that he had only been doing the pools for six

death from Aids.

sought.

The Met Office

Box in debt

of the case in August.

by diplomat

to 12 million households throughout Britain," Peter Crowe, the council's milk publicity manager, said. "But doorstep sales are falling. Six out of ten households now have milk delivered, compared with more like nine out of ten a decade ago."

Paul Lacey, trade and marketing manager of Express Dairy, said that his company was committed to maintaining deliveries but he admit-ted that the service could become uneconomic if de-

mand fell too far. "We are trying to stem the tide before it gets out of hand," he said. Jilly Cooper, Joanna Lumley, Esther Rantzen, Ermie Wise, Cliff Richard, Terry Wogan and Henry Cooper are among those who have backed the campaign, called Freedom - Friends Electing for Delivery of Milk. Its aim is to reverse falling sales by raising public awareness of the social benefits of door-

step delivery.
In a recent survey by the

dairy council, many consumers said that they preferred to buy from supermarkets because of the danger that milk left sitting on the doorstep would be stolen, go bad or signal to burglars that nobody was at home. The milkman's pint also costs more, typically 35-36p against 27-30p in the shops. Kim Duck, of the charity

Age Concern, said: "It is not just busy working mothers and large families that rely on their regular delivery of

fresh milk. For the elderly. the housebound and the disabled, the milkman's call is essential." Jean Boht, who plays Ma Boswell in the BBC comedy Bread, said that in rural areas the milkman might be the only person that pensioners living alone

would see during the day. Members of the public can support the campaign by ringing Freedom on 071-351 9656. The organisers hope to gather five million signatures over six months.

Beefeater cleared of assault on guardsman

A BEEFEATER from the Tower of London was yesterday cleared of assaulting a guardsman in a dispute reminiscent of the War of the

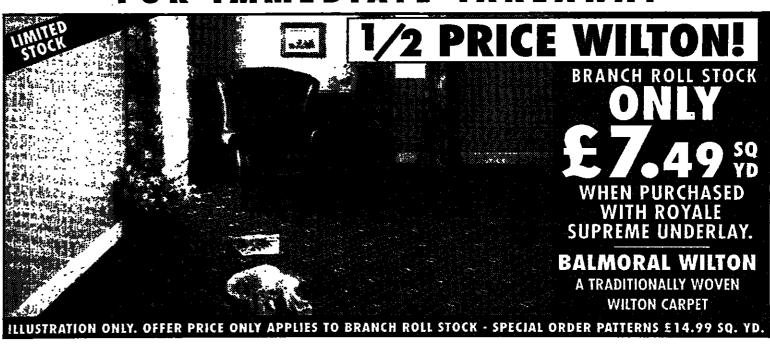
A jury at Southwark crown court, south London, found Derrick Coyle, assistant ravenmaster at the Tower, not guilty of assaulting Sergeant David Ward, causing actual bodily harm. Recorder Cedric Joseph ordered that a not guilty verdict also be entered against a withdrawn charge of wounding with in-tent which Sgt Ward denied. Henry Cleaver, for the pros-

ecution, said that Mr Coyle, 47, who once served with the Yorkshire-based Green How-ards, felled Sgi Ward, 27, from Lancashire, with a "flurry of blows" during a social evening at the Tower last October, after an exchange of remarks about their regiments and counties.

However, Mr Coyle, a beefeater since 1984, who lives at the Tower, claimed that Sgt Ward, serving with the Scots Guards, was drunk and that he had acted to protect his wife and son. Sgt Ward was later disciplined by his regiment for acting in a manner unbecoming and reduced in rank for three months.

The recorder told Mr Coyle: "We have heard a great deal about your good character. Obviously you will leave this court, to use an oldfashioned expression, without a stain on that good

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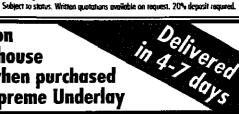
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Angry Donaldson condemns 'campaign of calumny'

Judges attack Lane's critics

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

THE judiciary strongly attacked critics of the criminal justice system yesterday for trying to make the retiring Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane. a scapegoat for its failures.

On Lord Lane's last day in office, senior members of the legal establishment denounced the recent criticism from the media, public and politicans and made a coded attack on the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, for failing to give him more support.

Lord Mackay did not join more than 60 judges, plus barristers and solicitors, who crowded into the Lord Chief Justice's court to pay tribute to Lord Lane after twelve years in the most senior judicial post in England and Wales. Lord Mackay was attending the first cabinet meeting of the new government. He issued a statement praising Lord Lane's contribution to the law.

Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, attacked critics of Lord Lane for running a campaign of false accusations. "I can give voice to the anger and disgust which we have all felt at the campaign of calumny which has been waged against you in recent months.

"I have no doubt that you, like all judges, regard exposure to public criticism as an occupational hazard. But what has outraged all of us is the speciacle of attempts to make you the scapegoat for failures of the criminal justice system, the cause of which, however defined, lay outside your control or responsibility. That process has gone far beyond the point at which it could be excused as confusion of thought."

thought." Lord Donaldson, 71, said



Lord Lane: unhappy at "orchestrated attacks"

that, in the eyes of the profession. Lord Lane would be seen as a great judge. He criticised "confused" newspaper comment after the announcement of Lord Lane's retirement. "Judges, it appeared, should be required to retire at the age of 70 if not

ouncement of Lord Lane's retirement. "Judges, it appeared, should be required to retire at the age of 70, if not earlier. But a Lord Chief Justice who decided to retire just before his 74th birthday was apparently 'taking early retirement."

Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, said that it was the overwhelming feeling of the referring that difficulties.

torney-general, said that it was the overwhelming feeling of the profession that difficulties which had come to light in recent years had been unfairly blamed on Lord Lane. These burdens have been heaped far too heavily and wrongly at your lordship's door. We are all anxious that this be not allowed to obscure the huge contribution you have made to the administration of justice."

Gareth Williams, chair-

man of the Bar, delivered what was seen as a rebuke to Lord Mackay. He said: "There may be some in high places who may have a momentary pang that the support you might reasonably have looked to and fairly ex-

pected was not fully and freely forthcoming."

Lord Lane spoke of the pressures of working against a background of "orchestrated and ill-informed attacks" on the judiciary. "Too few people realise that the independence of the judges is the one thing that stands between John Citizen and the abuse of power by governments. It is power by governments. It is true walue is appreciated."

Lord Lane, whose successor Lord Taylor takes over after the Easter law break, ended his career as one of the most criticised lord chief justices this century. His retirement follows a series of miscarriages of justice and a disagreement with the government over its efforts to break barristers' monopoly of audience in the higher courts.

He is credited with bring-

He is credited with bringing order and consistency to sentencing policy. He ended the legal position that a man could not rape his wife, and favoured non-custodial sentences for petty offenders.

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Love's labours: the actor Edward de Souza and the soprano Gillian Humphreys prepare for a performance of Shakespeare & Love at Southwark cathedral, south London, next Thursday, the 428th anniversary of the bard's birth. The Shakespeare Globe Centre will also present three other events

Halogen light 'poses cancer risk'

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

QUARTZ halogen lamps, increasingly being installed at home and at work, may put people at risk of skin cancer, researchers are claiming.

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Studies on mice exposed to light from such lamps have found that skin cancers develop. The researchers say that the levels of exposure, although high, were close to those that some people might experience at work.

The findings, by Silvio De Flora and Francesco D'Agostini, of Genoa University, Italy, are published in Nature. They confirm studies with bacteria that showed that light in the high-frequency wavelength emitted by quartz halogen lamps, caused genetic mutations.

In the animal experiments, four hairless mice were kept under normal lighting, and four others were exposed for 12 hours a day to a 12 volt. 50 watt, quartz halogen lamp 50 centimetres away from them. A further four mice were exposed to an identical lamp shielded with transparent plastic. After 12 months, all the mice exposed to the unshielded lamp had mild, mostly non-malignant, skin cancers. None of the other mice had developed cancers.

Osram, a firm that makes the lamps, rejected the findings. It said that studies had shown there was no risk. "In conventional office applications, an eight-hour day under halogen lamps is equivalent to a ten-minute stay in the summer sun."

North wins war museum

The Imperial War Museum has chosen Hartlepool for a new maritime-based branch which is expected to cost at least £10 million to build.

The museum, announced yesterday in conjunction with the town and Teesside Development Corporation, which expects to raise the money, is to open in 1995, in time for the 50th anniversary of the end of the second world war.

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Dr Alan Borg, directorgeneral of the Imperial War
Museum, said the new site
would be part of Hardepool's
developing marina.

Climber dies

Francis Pearson, 55, of Ellon, Grampian, died after falling into the sea while climbing a 100ft rock stack with his son at the Bullers of Buchan cliffs near Cruden Bay, Grampian. Mark Chinery, 30, who lives near by and tried to rescue him, suffered hypothermia.

Titanic death

Bert Dean, 82, whose family decided to board the Titanic on April 15, 1912, only at the last moment, has died in Southampton exactly 80 years after surviving the sinking, in which 1,500 people, including his father, died.

Fans honoured

A £100,000 memorial garden, dedicated to the 95 people crushed to death at Hillsborough, was opened in Sheffield on the third anniversary of the disaster. Its gates are scale copies of those to Liverpool's Anfield ground, bearing the words "You'll never walk alone"

First night makes audience miserable

By Ronald Faux

THE provincial premiere of Les Misérables at the Palace Theatre in Manchester turned out to be a sad occasion confirming the show's sobriquet of The Glums.

The performance, on Tuesday night, had to be abandoned when one of two barricades, essential to the plot and weighing three and a half tonnes, refused to move. The compressor that propelled it across the stage and into position

Throughout an extended interval technicians tried to repair the machinery but the barricade remained, as any good barricade should, stubbornly immovable. The capacity audience of 2,000 was then told by Cameron Mackintosh, the show's impressario, that it was impossible for the production

to continue.

It would have been too dangerous for the 20 technical stagehands to try to manhandle the barricade into position, and without it Victor Hugo's story of the siege of Paris would have lacked authenticity. Instead, the entire cast assembled on stage and sang the final number, many of them in tears. The audience stood and

applauded.

The production is claimed to have broken provincial

vance bookings of £4.5 million for its Manchester run, which could extend beyond October 10.

October 10.

Andrew De Rosa, general manager of the Palace Theatre, said that a replacement compressor was being brought from Huddersfield and he hoped that the second night of the £2 million production would go ahead unhindered. "It was an extremely unfortunate breakdown but the audience was wonderful," he said. "A lot of them were in tears as well. They will be offered alternative tickets or their

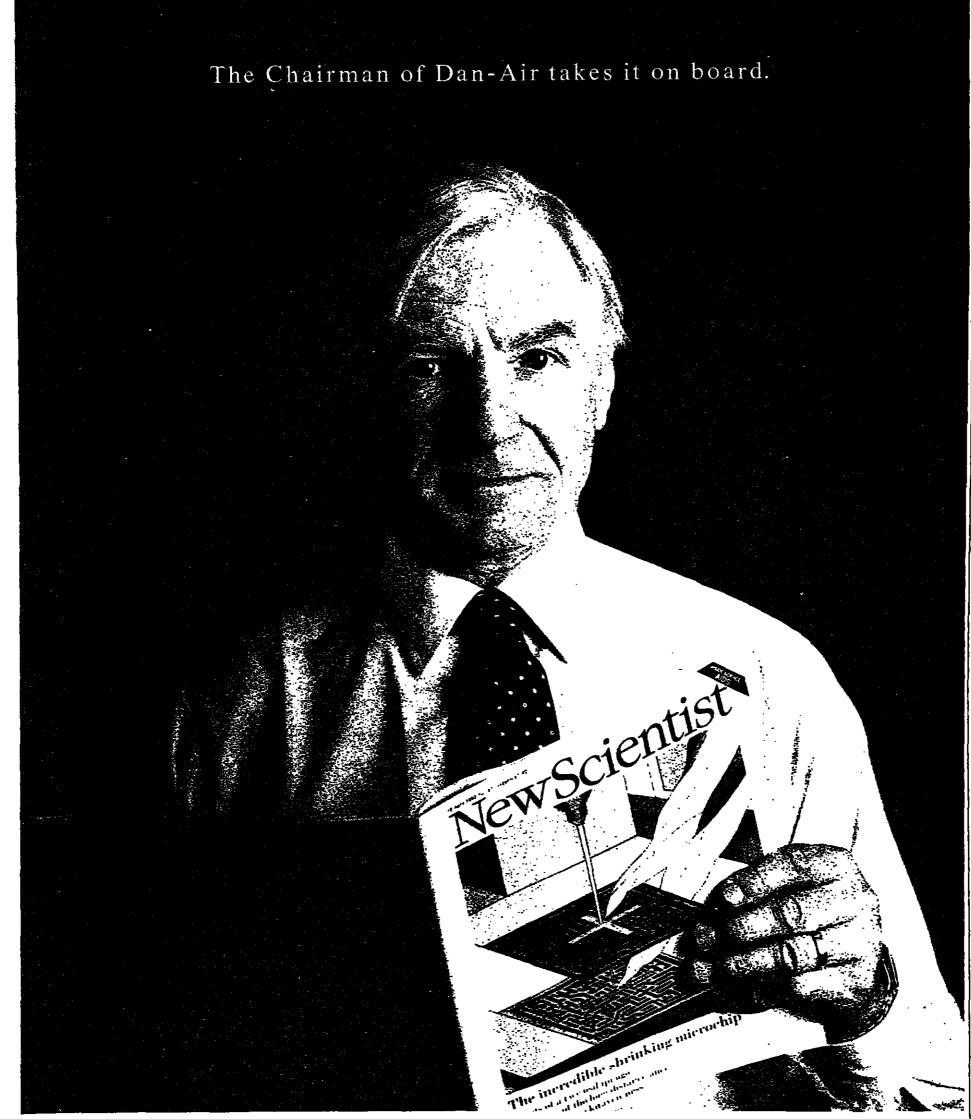
money back."

Technical hitches and uncooperative machinery are the bane of artistic endeavour. When Les Miserables was performed on Broadway a faulty computer halted the show.

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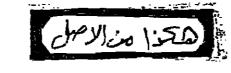
Old theatre hands might recall the the case of the elaborate sea shell that snapped shut on the Goddess Venus, who was sitting in it during a production of a Wagner opera. The shell closed revealing a sign that said: This Side Up. The safety curtain quickly descended and muffled cries could be heard as the opera's hero sank to his knees trying furiously to prise open

In the annals of theatrical mishap, a recalcitrant barricade is of small moment.



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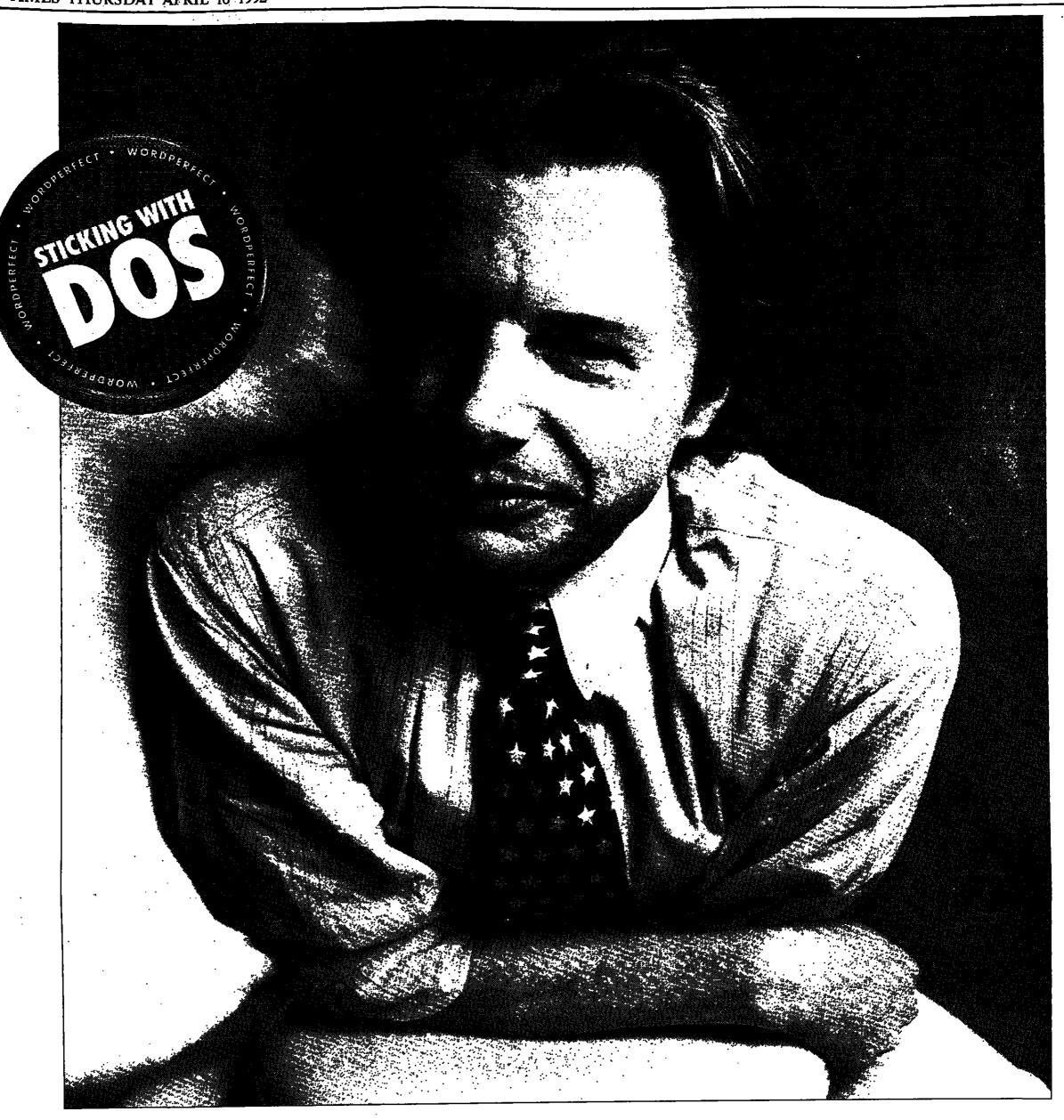
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West heaves sigh of relief as deputies in Moscow congress agree to pact over reforms

Compromise leaves Yeltsin on course

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

reaffirmed Saturday's wide-

ranging censure of govern-

RUSSIA'S government last night brought sighs of relief claim some satisfaction. Mr Yeltsin indicated his approval from Western leaders and of the compromise by telling world financial markets by Yegor Gaidar, the deputy withdrawing its threat to reprime minister and architect of a plan to transform the sign and pronouncing itself Russian economy to a market system, in a telephone conver-sation that he "fully supports the government and does not satisfied by a compromise resolution on President Yeltsin's reforms endorsed by the supreme legislature. "The reason for our resignation has been removed." accept the resignation of the cabinet". The conversation

said Aleksandr Shokhin, the was reported by Tass quoting government sources. deputy prime minister, after the conservative dominated The new resolution reaf-Russian congress voted by 578 to 203 on a text that firms the decisions of last autumn's congress, under which Mr Yeltsin is given a mitigated its previous motion of censure. The apparent virtually free hand in chooshealing of the breach between ing ministers until Decemthe cabinet and the legislaber. But the opposition is ture should pave the way for Mr Yeltsin, who has kept out of public view since Friday, to return and preside in a spirit expected to continue arguing that last Saturday's decisions, which would have obliged Mr Yeltsin to cede considerable of relief, if not triumph, over power to parliament much sooner than that, remain valthe final sessions. id. At the urging of Ruslan However, the government's victory was far from clearcut, Khasbulatov, the parliamentary chairman, parliament and the vote left in place two

contradictory decisions, so al-

most any faction was able to

ment policy while adopting new language that substantially watered it down.

The government took satisfaction from the fact that the new resolution backs the need for economic reform and a market system, enjoins the public to show restraint and self-sacrifice, rules out a return to the command economy and acknowledges the need for financial discipline. The resolution also ack-

nowledges, in a key concession, that parliament's earlier recommendations of a much more generous social policy should be introduced, with account taken of current circumstances — which is open to almost any interpretation. The situation was ambigu-

ous enough for hardliners to be claiming that they had not suffered a defeat. Sergei Baburin, a Communist deputy and one of the leading activists in the conservative opposition, said: "There are no winners or losers in this



Housewife heckler: a Muscovite berating Russian MPs on their way to the Congress yesterday, where they backed economic reforms

However, chunks of communist language have been dropped quietly from Russia's basic law, reflecting a reluctant admission of defeat by the hardline camp which can count on nearly half the votes in the 1,000-strong assembly. While Mr Baburin described the resolution as having value only for the

media and of no practical importance whatever", Vladimir Lukin, the new ambassador to Washington, described it as a "great victory" for the democratic camp.

Despite the confused language approved by parliawere expected to focus on the

be content with the compromise. Nicholas Brady, the US Treasury secretary, had told him on Tuesday that a promised Western credit line of \$24 billion (£13.6 billion) would be in doubt if responsible economic policies were abandoned.

Earlier yesterday there was depression in the conservative

opposition camp over its failure to rally deputies against the government at a time when economic reform is causing almost unbearable hardship. Vladimir Isakov. an ally of Mr Baburin, said that "the opposition has been unable to introduce radical changes in the course of the government".

The congress, which is still expected to end this week, has failed in one main task, that of approving at least in principle a constitution for the Russian state. It has barely scraped through the even more urgent job of making the minimum number of amendments to the old communist constitution.

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Russians horrified by serial killer

A language teacher accused of 55 murders has gone on trial in Rostov, writes **Bruce Clark**

hose Russians who L describe their country as a quiet, predictable and law-abiding place should derive some food for grave reflection from the extraordinary murder trial that has just opened in Rostov-on-Don. Andrei Chikatilo began

his activities as a serial killer in 1978, during the "stagnation era" of Leonid Brezhnev, and continued steadily and without interference for the next 12 years. The way in which this outwardly respectable killed and mutilated a total of 55 people has revolted even hardened criminal investigators, several of whom asked to be taken off the case.

There were shouts of outrage from victims' relatives yesterday as the court went into its second day of considering the 55 murders of women and minors of both sexes to which Chikatilo, an apparently normal teacher, has confessed. An elderly woman described him as "a damned soul" and an "evil sadist" as other witnesses struggled with police in an effort to break through to the cage where he was detained.

Since his arrest in De-cember 1990, the former Russian language teacher has been kept in an isolation cell to protect him from fellow prisoners and vengeful policemen. one of whose colleagues was among the victims. Security forces in Rostov, a sleazy city with a reput-ation for a high crime rate, deployed 50 senior detec-tives and 500 officers on a case in which they claimed to have conducted at least routine checks of 200,000

people.
Although the killings took place as far afield as Moscow, St Petersburg and Yekaterinburg, most of the victims' remains were discovered in the woods alongside a local railway line running from Rostov to the town of Zverevo. Hundreds of plainclothes policemen rode the train and roamed the woods in the guise of fishermen or mushroom-pickers. Policewomen boarded the train dressed as "down-and-outs" — to whom the killer appeared to be attracted - in the hope that he would show

But a turning point in the investigation came when the police concluded that the killer was more likely to be an "ordinary" citizen than a person with a record of crime or sexual deviance. It is the seeming. grey normality of this mar-ried man, aged 56, with grown up children and several grandchildren, that has filled Russian television viewers with horror. He could so easily be the man next door.

Spanish strike threatens holidays

Madrid: A strike by hotel. restaurant and bar staff in mainland Spain and the Balearic islands called for today and tomorrow threatens to affect the Easter break for tens of thousands of British and European holidaymak-ers (Edward Owen writes).

The government, alarmed over Madrid's image during its fourth month as Europe's cultural capital, yesterday gave the cleaning companies and the unions 72 hours to go to binding arbitration.

Zontur, the Majorca-based association of Spanish tourist hotels, said yesterday that it had instructed its members to maintain minimum services and had asked for police protection from pickets who may try to stop non-union em-ployees. Pedro Pascual, the association's secretary-general, said: "We do not think the strike will be widely

Ruling deplored

Paris: Pierre Beregovy. France's prime minister, said he was "wounded" by an appeal court ruling that an order by Paul Touvier, wartime militia chief in Vichy, to execute Jews and synagogue leaders, was not a crime against humanity. (Reuter)

Schools closed

Rome: Schools throughout Italy closed a day early for the Easter holidays when 1.2 million teachers staged a oneday strike in pursuit of a 10 per cent pay rise. The government wants to keep a settlement to the 4.5 per cent rate of inflation. (Reuter)

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Brussels: Brigitte Bardot, above, who has long defended animal rights, called for a boycott of Expo '92 in Seville unless Spain takes immediate steps to end the killing of animals during the country's traditional holidays. (AFP)

Pope appeals

Rome: The Pope, at his weekly general audience, appealed for world leaders to help ease the suffering of the Iraqi people. The Baghdad government has blamed United Nations sanctions for causing widespread hunger and suffering. (Reuter)

Cold cuisine

Paris: The French eat out about three times a week and spend almost 20 per cent of their food budget in restaurants and canteens. But they drink less cheap wine, and ear five times more frozen convenience foods than they did in 1979. (Reuter)





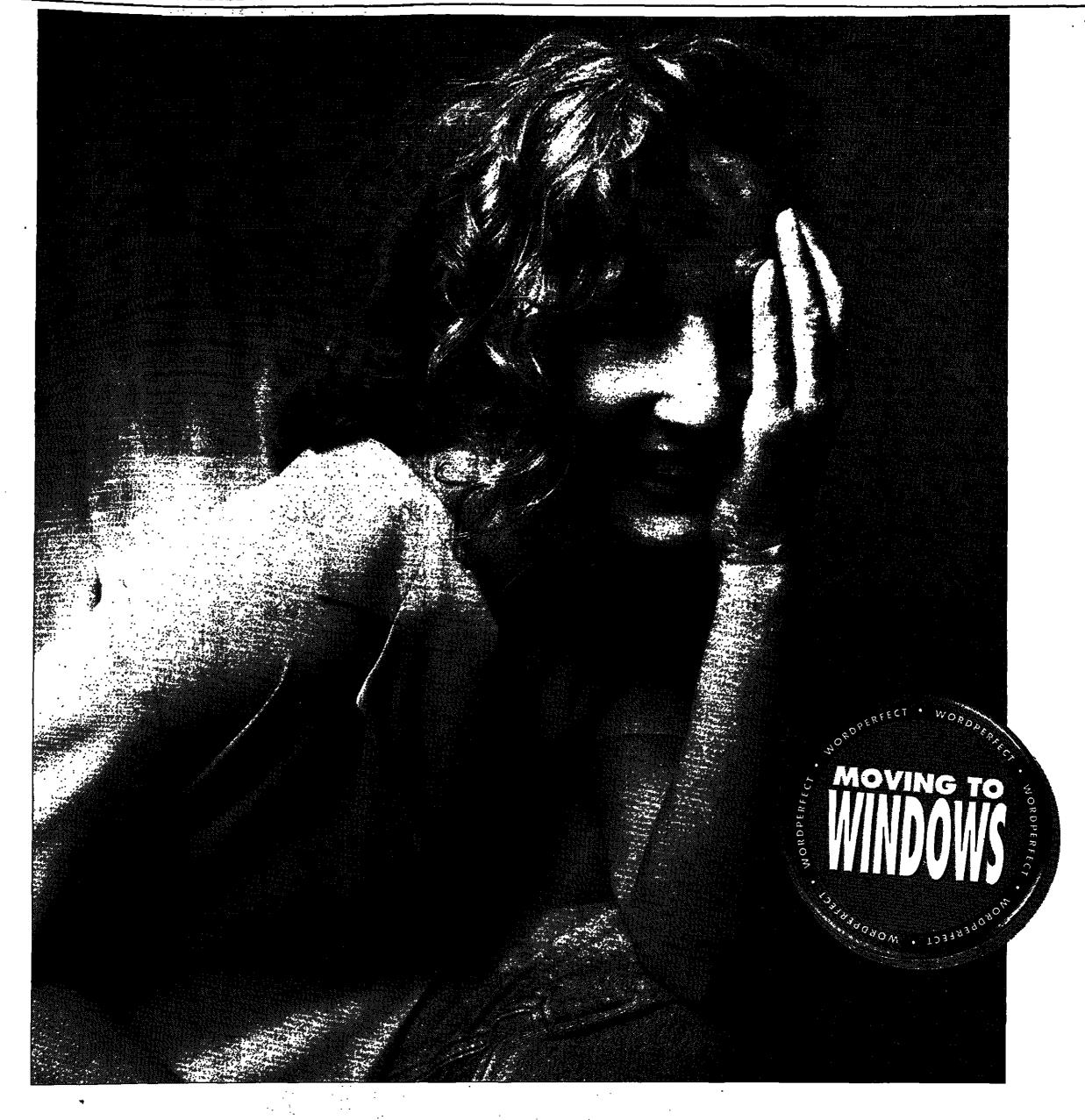
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West aims to isolate a defiant Serbia

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND TIM JUDAH IN SARAJEVO

THE Bush administration is consulting Britain and other European partners urgently on joint action to try to halt Serb incursions into Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Washington and its allies are aiming to achieve Serbia's international isolation unless it desists. To that end the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) has threaten to suspend Serbia's membership.

Arriving in Belgrade yesterday, Cyrus Vance, the United Nations special envoy, ruled out the dispatch of peacekeeping forces but appealed for an end to the fighting. "The situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina is very, very serious and is causing us great

cheap place to buy drugs.

according to Dieter Gott-

schall, the city's deputy police

chief. Giving statistics yester-

day showing a steep rise in

offences since unification, he

said that there were virtually

no resources to combat grow-

fraud and robbery offences had risen by 170 per cent

over the year and cases of

willful damage had soared by

more than 400 per cent. Herr

Gottschall was particularly

worried about the potential

growth of the drug market.

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concern," he said before meeting Serbia's military leaders and Slobodan Milosevic, the hardline communist president. "War is not the answer. It will be ruinous to all sides." The UN has been willing to deploy peacekeeping forces into troublespots where a ceasefire was being

drug-related death was regis-

brought over the border from

Poland, where they suspect

criminal groups have set up

factories to supply western Europe. Police admit they are

having no success in stopping drug smuggling. The federal

criminal police, which runs the German anti-drug squad,

last year seized 1.6 tonnes of

heroin, double the amount in

1990 and six times the

amount in the last year before

Helmut Kohl, the chancel-

lor, has written to Poland and

Russia asking for co-opera-

tion between the secret ser-

vices of the three countries in

the war against drug barons

and international crime.

Bernd Schmidbauer, a senior

official from the Bonn chan-

cellery, has been instructed to

hold exploratory talks on the

idea in Warsaw and Moscow.

the Berlin Wall came down.

Police say drugs are being

tered last year in Dresden."

observed, but not with fighting still in progress. Members states have been determined that their troops should not become participants in conflicts they have been sent to resolve.

James Baker, the US Secretary of State, met Haris Siladzic, the Bosnian foreign minister, in Washington on Tuesday and was said to be have been shaken by Mr Siladzic's graphic descriptions of the "mass massacres" of innocent civilians by Serb forces. What was happening was "extraordinarily tragic and outrageous". Mr Baker

America has delivered what

he called a "very strongly worded protest" to the Serb leadership. He called Doug-las Hurd, the foreign secretary, and other European governments this week to discuss joint action. The situation dominated a meeting between Lawrence Eagleburger, Mr Baker's deputy, and the immediate past, present and future presidents of the European Community, including Britain, in Washincutating Britain, in Washington on Tuesday. No country is prepared to send in troops. Instead they are exploring ways "to bring home to the Serbs that they are internationally isolated and condemned", said one official. The Sarb assemble follows: cial. The Serb assault followed formal American and EC recognition of Bosnian independence earlier this month. "Everyone feels a sense of responsibility," said the official, not least because Bosnia was now a sovereign state. America's intervention contrasts with its earlier willingness during Yugoslavia's violent disintegration to let

the Europeans take the lead. On Tuesday the State Department said the US strongly supports the territorial integrity of Bosnia-Herze-govina" and condemned its destabilisation by Mr Milosevic, the Yugoslav military and militant nationalist Serb leaders inside Bosnia.

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Prayer for peace: a Roman Catholic nun and women from Listica in western Herzegovina praying while an air-raid siren alerts citizens to an attack. After more than a week of fighting thousands have left their homes

Man and madonna stilled Etna

THE drama of Zafferana, the town in the foothills of Etna which for over a week was menaced by a tide of lava erupting from high on the slopes of Europe's most active volcano, has begun to subside. Yesterday, the 100-yard wide wave of semi-solid incandescant lava, which had advanced to within 750 yards of Zafferana and destroyed

two small outlying buildings, ground to a halt and began to cool.

The townspeople gave thanks to Zafferana's patron protector over the contron protector over the cen-turies, the Madonna of Providence, who has comforted the town's inhabitants through a history marked by earthquakes, epidemics and volcanic eruptions. But they also gave thanks to an earthly saviour in the shape of Franco Barberi, the vulca-

A Tuscan-born vulcanologist has monitored the volcanic eruption since January, Paul Bompard writes

nologist and professor who has masterminded the operation to prevent the lava At 6,000ft, on a plateau 4,000ft higher up the mountain than Zafferana,

work continued yesterday under Signor Barberi on an ambitious and unprecedented project to direct the stream of lava in harmless directions. Teams of American naval engineers were building three steel plat-forms which will be placed over an opening in a tunnel which the lava has built around itself as it flows downhill. Each platform will be loaded with 50 fourtonne concrete blocks,

threat to Zafferana. Despite cautious optimism, often bordering on pessi-mism, the lava flow has stopped by itself. Some give the credit for this not to the known as "Beirut busters" professor but to the Madonna of Providence, a built by the Americans of the nearby Nato base as anti-terrorist barriers. The force as mysterious as the 1.000°C molten magma platforms will then be tipped into the lava stream from the bowels of the earth. in the hope that the con-

Alfio Cantarella, 61, who in 1954 emigrated to Australia and in 1979 returned to farm a small pear, peach and cherry orchard just outcrete blocks, heavily chained together, will form a plug in the stream of lava. Signor Barberi, 53, is president of the National Vulcanological Group and chief consultant for the civil side Zafferana, looked at the black wall of still warm lava as it stood on the very edge of his land, just singe-ing the trunks of the trees furthest uphill. "I was lucky, or perhaps it was thanks to the Madonna," protection ministry. A native of Pisa in Tuscany, he has spent the past four months living in a cottage at 6,000ft on Etna. He has he said, and looked grimly towards the black mass monitored the eruption since it began in earnest in January, and was among only a few yards uphill.

Gaullists demand European unity poll

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

AS CONTROVERSY Ends over President Mitterrand plan to push French ranticution of the Maastrict treats through parliament in the summer, the Gaullist RPR party said yesterday that would fight for a decision to be put to a referendum.

Jacques Chirac, the president of the RPR, made it clear that the party would seek specific guarantees from M Mitterrand before its members would consider a favourable response in the referendum it seeks. These concern the perceived threat to French sovereignty from the Maastricht provisions dealing with a single currency. votes for EC citizens in French local elections and common visa policies

The hostility of France's largest opposition party to M Mitterrand's decision to take the parliamentary route had been expected, although M Chirac is anxious to avoid coming down against the Maastricht treaty on principle. The RPR's campaign is likely to gather further support from the Communists. the extreme right-wing National Front and the Greens. A handful of ultra-nationalists in the other main conserva-tive faction, the UDF, may also abandon its pro-Europe-

an line. Under the process outlined by M Mitterrand, members of the national assembly and the senate will debate the constitutional issues and put forward joint bills to be debated at a combined special session of parliament in Ver-sailles. If the required twothirds majority is not achieved, the president intends only then to call a referendum.

But Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the pro-Europe head of the UDF and a former president, is adamant that, if parliament fails to agree, it is constitutionally not possible for the president to continue

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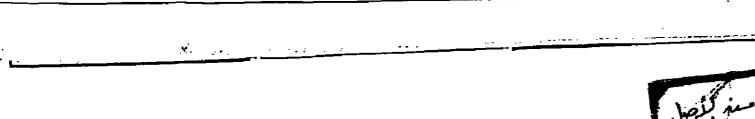


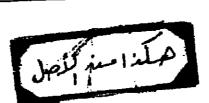
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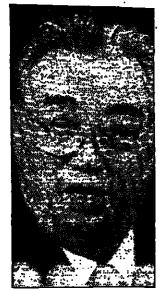
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Birthday banquet sweetens Kim's approach to America



KIM Il Sung, North Korea's stalinist dictator, marked his 80th birthday yesterday with a conciliatory message to the United States in a newspaper interview. However, he also used the occasion to deliver a typically defiant anti-Western speech to his people.

Speaking at a gala banquet in Pyongyang, before the rig-idly-controlled birthday celebrations got under way. President Kim told his people that despite the "gloating" of the West over the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union, North Korea would remain on "the road of independence".

However, in a long interview with The Washington Times, a newspaper owned by Sun Myung Moon, the South Korean founder of the Unifi-

Kim II Sung used his 80th birthday celebrations to signal that he is now ready to end North Korea's isolation, Jamie Dettmer writes from Washington

the correct thing from the

humanitarian point of view,"

President Kim's interview

comes only a few days after

North Korea outlined for the

first time its nuclear reactor

programme to the Interna-

tional Atomic Energy Agency

and promised to allow inter-

national inspectors into its

facilities. Washington, which

fears that Mr Kim is pushing

hard to develop a nuclear missile capability, has long

demanded inspections of

North Korea's nuclear instal-

cation Church, Mr Kim said he was eager to "bury the hatchet" with America. There is spring between the people of our country and the people of the United States, spring begins."

He said he wanted an American embassy opened in North Korea as quickly as possible. To signal his good will, the "Great Leader", as he is known in North Korea, promised to send back to the United States more remains of American soldiers killed in the Korean war. "I think it

partment official said yesterday that Pyongyang was moving on the nuclear issue "faster than anyone believed possible, but slower than we would like". North Korea's increasing

lations. A senior State De-

international isolation since the fall of communist regimes in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe was emphasised in dramatic form yesterday by the modest number of guests attending President Kim's birthday celebrations. The main guests were Yang Shangkun, China's aged president, and Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the Cambodian leader who had lived in exile in Pyongyang for several years.

The gifts from the outside world for the Great Leader

whelming: a silk banner from Swapo, Namibia's ruling party, honorary citizenship from the Ivory Coast and a message of loyalty from one of North Korea's token parties.

China, Pyongyang's last big ally, came up with the most sensible gift for impoverished North Korea - hundreds of tonnes of pork.

President Kim also gave himself a further title to add to the string of epithets that North Koreans use when mentioning him. As well as the Great Leader, Beloved Leader, Ever Victorious Captain of the Korean People, the Greatest Genius Humankind Has Ever Had and Outstanding Leader of the Revolution, President Kim is now Generalissimo as well, a title favoured by Latin American dictators During yesterday's celebra-

tions in Pyongyang, which included a ceremony at the 60,000-seat Kim II Sung stadium and dancing in the giant Kim Il Sung square, the Great Leader looked fit. Thousands of students performed gymnastics in the stadium and the crowds in the stands used lettered cards to produce revolutionary slogans and messages of praise for Mr Kim. Factories and offices were closed for the day. although shops remained open. North Korean officials said that many people during the day would visit the 35,000 or so Kim Il Sung

statues littering the country. State Department officials yesterday reacted cautiously to President Kim's "bury the hatchet" message. They argue that North Korea, which was founded by President Kim in 1948, could become even more unpredictable as the Great Leader's son. Kim Jong II, aged 50 and known as the Dear Leader, takes on more responsibility. The Dear Leader is seen in Washington as being at worst psychotic and at best just

• Tokyo: North Korean state television aired a lengthy report on what it described as the country's experimental nuclear power plant at Yongbyon. Pyongyang says the plant is for non-military research. The United States. South Korea and Japan fear it is building a crude nuclear bomb. (Reuter)

Mujahidin capture air base near Kabul

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Najibullah of Afghanistan has lost control of one of Afghanistan's principal air bases to renegade troops and mujahidin fighters, demonstrating that the military is starting to crumble and that Kabul itself is vulnerable. Russia has ordered most of its diplomats to evac-

uate immediately. Muiahidin forces headed by Ahmad Shah Masood have secured their hold over the Bagram air base, just over 30 miles from the capital. Almost the entire northern half of the country has now failen out of the government's control as soldiers, from generals to conscripts, continue

Other small mujahidin groups evidently shared in the conquest of Bagram, and different groups within the army divided their support among them. Mr Masood's forces, the most militarily effective of the many rebel factions, show no signs of preparing to attack the capital. Besides Bagram, they hold the nearby towns of Charikar and Jabal-us-Saraj, taking them close to Kabul.



The two principal power brokers in Afghanistan are now Mr Masood, a Tailk, and his mujahidin rival, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a Pashtun. Mr Hekmatyar, a fundamentalist, still has huge stocks of arms given to him by America, which ended military and economic aid on January 1. But he is not in absolute control of his men, who answer to individual commanders in the field.

Mr Masood is not so wellequipped, but his forces are

more disciplined and have good supply lines from their stronghold in the northeast. Tajiks do not have the Pashtuns' historic reputation for plunder and destruction: indeed, Mr Masood's men have sent word to Kabul that the city's 1.8 million people have nothing to fear from him if he does attempt to enter the capital. Mr Hekmatyar's officials have given similar assur-ances, if less convincingly. Perhaps the greatest danger is that the two groups, along with smaller rival factions, might fight over control of the

city, bringing devastation. Benon Sevan, the special United Nations envoy on Afghanistan, met mujahidin leaders in Pakistan yesterday to try to persuade them to let the UN peace plan go for-ward. It is obviously in deep trouble, and could be swept away in a mujahidin power struggle, leaving Afghanistan without any central authority. Mr Sevan is expected in Kabul shortly to assess the hope of saving the UN plan for installing a 15-man transitional ruling council in the capital to assume power from

Mr Najibullah. Afghanistan is now hover ing between peace and chaos. Much depends on whether rival rebel groups can reach understanding among themselves. Deserting generals are making peace pacts with mujahidin commanders all over the country, aware that power is shifting decisively away from the present moribund Kabul regime. These pacts have brought peace across most of northern Afghanistan. Kabul is practical-

ly all that is left to fight over. The city might be finished as a capital in any real sense. The country is evidently reverting to the patchwork of warlords and rival fieldoms that it has historically almost always been. The power structure that eventually emerges in Kabul will almost certainly have limited jurisdiction over the rest of the country.

Queen of hotels jets off to jail

Charles Bremner finds

little sympathy for the woman who dodged \$1.7 million in taxes

NEW YORK bade a sardonic farewell yesterday to Leo-na Helmsley, the billionaire "hotel queen" who personified the greedy 1980s, as she jetted off on board her private Boeing to register at her new hostelry, a federal prison in Kentucky.

The fun of extracting

moral lessons from Helms-ley's downfall was all the more acid for ordinary citizens because the court had ordered her to start her four-year sentence on April 15, the deadline for the fil-ing of federal income tax returns. "Her crime was in believing her wealth and power set her above the law and exempted her from nor-mal standards of decency," said New York's Newsday.

Helmsley, 71, was whisked by limousine from her Boeing 727 at Louisville and driven before dawn to the redbrick prison in a 30acre park at Lexington, which houses women needing medical services. For at least two years, until she is eligible for parole, she will sleep in a dormitory and help in the housekeeping and other light chores. She and have few possessions.

Though a far cry from her mansion or her penthouse on Central Park South, she will have access to television, a recreation room and playing fields and a telephone for 16 hours a day. In a last gesture, her hairdresser visited her penthouse to give her a short prison perm. She then said she was prepared to meet her fate

Known, accurately or not, as the woman who once said "only the little people pay taxes". Helmsley is undoubtedly paying a price for casting herself in her own advertising in the 1980s as the epitome of the regal and demanding empress of the Hers were the only estab-lishments where "the queen stands guard", said the cap-



Clipped wings: Leona Helmsley, who flew to start a four-year sentence in a Kentucky prison yesterday

tion under the image of a tiara-wearing Helmsley looking like an Americanised version of the British monarch. A property agent, she took on hotel management after marrying Harry Helmsley, the billionaire tycoon whose property in-cludes the Empire State

building, 20 years ago.
Helmsley won little sympathy by staging a two-year battle to stay out of prison which included employing a string of excuses and claims that she was being made a scapegoat. In a last-ditch court appeal on Tuesday,

Alan Dershowitz, the celebrity lawyer who represents her, evoked the Last Supper and offered to turn over her hotels to the poor and "solve New York's homeless

problem single-handed" The suggestion, quickly withdrawn by Mr Helmsley's company, prompted the tabloid press to round up the tramps and propel them towards the reception desk at the Helmsley Palace. "I wouldn't mind living in the penthouse," said one Dino DiAngelo. "Maybe then I could get a woman and have some fun by the

pool." Newspapers likened the offer to Donald Trump's attempt to "buy" Mike Tyson out of his jail sentence. Mr Dershowitz pleaded that Helmsley was being sentenced to death, because she suffered from a heart

condition. Mr Heimsley, who is 83 and was spared prosecution because he suffers from mental and physical infirmity, was also certain to die, he said. Mr Dershowitz, who also represented Tyson and ear-lier made his name winning

the freedom of Claus Von.

insists that Mrs Helmsley's evasion of \$1.7 million (£965,000) in taxes by declaring personal expenses as business costs, was the fault of her accountant.

Trial testimony chroni-cling the opulent Helmsley way of life has entered New York folklore, among it the vision of Helmsley frolicking, Marie-Antoinette style, with pet lambs at her Connecticut mansion while an outdoor stereo system. charged as a business expense, wafted music across

those who wish to detroy me

Japanese germ-war crimes 'ignored'

Tokyo: Japan's public television network has unearthed new evidence from Russian and American archives on how key members of the Japanese army's secret germ-warfare unit escaped prosecution as war criminals after the second world war.

The documents detailed experiments carried out by the Japanese on prisoners of war in Asia, such as deliberately infecting a prisoner with anthrax and conducting a surgical examination of the organs while the victim was still alive. NHK television said. The evidence, according to the programme, showed that the US military obtained data from the tests in exchange for shielding the perpetrators from prosecution at the 1946-1948 Tokyo war crimes

NHK aired the documentary evidence this week in its series Modern History Scoop. (Reuter)

Beirut protests

Beirut: Lebanese cities were brought to a standstill by demonstrations calling for the dismissal of the government. Marchers said its corruption and excessive spending was causing economic difficulties. Schools, shops and offices stayed closed.

Business freed

Hanoi: Vietnam's National Assembly has approved an amended constitution that decades of central economic planning. it also allows farmers the right to transfer and inherit land use, but not to own the land. (Reuter)

Evidence fails

Port Moresby: Robert John Suckling, an Australian-born former health minister of Papua New Guinea, has been acquitted of a 1989 murder after the presiding judge ruled that there were flaws in the way police handled scientific evidence. (Reuter)

Syrian pledge

Ankara: Syria, accused by Turkey of backing the separatist Kurdish Workers party, has promised to act against the group, Ismet Sezgin, the Turkish interior minister, said in Damascus. Syria had offered to provide a list of the guerrilias. (Reuter)

Death threats

Port-au-Prince: Monique Thebaud, director of Haiti's central bank, says she has received death threats warning her to keep silent about the disappearance of \$2.5 million (£1.4 million) in a deal with Norgulf, a Texas-based oil firm. (AFP)

HIV spreads

Hanoi: At least 57 people in Vietnam were infected with HIV, which causes Aids, by the end of last year, up from 41 in December 1990, the Nhan Dan newspaper said. Most are Thai fishermen. No Aids cases have been reported. (Reuter)

Woman spared

Vernon, Connecticut: A woman has received probation for shooting her fiance in the chest after he abruptly cancelled their wedding after invitations had been printed. The judge said it was unlikely that Carrie Mote, 47, would act violently again. (AP)

Keep it clean

Jerusalem: Mordechai Eliahu, the chief rabbi of Israel, has ruled that because the American dollar bears the motto "In God We Trust". the notes must be treated like holy documents and kept in pockets when in an unclean place. (Reuter)

Israeli undercover squad's tactics come under fire

FROM PAUL ADAMS IN JERUSALEM

WHEN Philip Jones and Ailish Cantwell exchanged life in the southeast of England for the Israeli-occupied West Bank, they had few illusions about living in the midst of a frequently ugly Arab-Israeli conflict.

But several months of exposure to the eruptions of violence that punctuate life in Hebron did little to prepare them for the sight of a Palestinian youth being shot down by an Israeli undercover unit. "It was just like watching something off TV," said Miss

The two volunteers were returning home late on March 29. They watched from the shadows as a masked youth ran up to a blue van that had just been stoned. "He came up around the side to the driver's window and hesitated for a moment," Miss Cantwell said. "He ran across in front of the van to a wasteground behind a school. And as he was running he was shot down."

The shots came from a group of soldiers, disguised in traditional Palestinian women's costume, who burst out of the van as the youth fled.

"It was all slightly surreal," because of these special Mr Jones said. "There were squads," he said. "The real all these people, dressed as women, carrying guns, wearing baseball caps ... It was rapidly clicking that it was the special forces."

The existence of special undercover units of the army has been common knowledge since last summer, when state-run television aired a news film showing soldiers donning make-up and women's clothing before arresting Palestinian suspects. But recent months have seen a disturbing rise in the number of Palestinians being killed by such units. Palestinians and foreign observers have accused them of deliberately gunning down suspects.

UN officials also express concern at reports that in one case special units were seen wearing orange jackets similar to those worn by UN staff in the occupied territories.

Moshe Fogel, the army's spokesman, said the recent deaths were due to an increase in the number of armed attacks by Palestinian activists. "It is at best hypocrisy and at worst a lie that more in the back, and two other Palestinians are being killed the chest and forehead.

reason they are being killed is because they are using arms." The youth from Hebron, Issam Ghaith, survived, despite being shot in the head and back. Jamal Rashid Ghanem, aged 22, from the village of Shuweikah, near Tulkarem, was less fortunate. Neither was armed. Ghanem was killed shortly after taking a corner kick during a football match, in full view of fellow players and spectators. Military sources says he was shot trying to flee, after being

warned to stop. They say Mr

Ghaith had tried to attack the

driver of the van.

The army's rules for arresting suspects state that he must first be ordered to stoo and that shots can be fired in the air. Only if he then continues to flee can soldiers open fire, and then only at the legs. But Mr Jones and Miss Cantwell challenge the official version of Mr Ghaith's shooting, while those playing football with Ghanem say he was deliberately killed. His body had three bullet wounds

in the back, and two others, in

Colony prefers Patten

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

LEADING Hong Kong figures were surprised yesterday by reports that Chris Patten had been offered the job as the British colony's last governor, but said they preferred an unknown quantity like Mr Patten to Dr David Owen, also tipped for the office. Some doubted that Mr Patten would be ready to sacrifice a political career to spend five years away from London.

There is a split in Hong Kong between those who think an experienced Foreign Office hand would be the best choice in the run-up to the handover to Chinese rule on June 30 1997, and those who favour a break with tradition and the appointment a high profile statesman.

The colony has long accepted the fact that governors are appointed directly by the prime minister with no prior consultation with Hong Kong and irrespective of their familiarity with the territory or their popularity here.

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Winnie Mandela forced to quit as ANC welfare chief

FROM GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

WINNIE Mandela's decline and fall gathered momentum yesterday when she was compelled to resign as head of the African National Congress's social welfare department, her most important office.

Defiant to the last, she protested that she did not commit the violent crimes that have been alleged against her and blamed her downfall on those who wished to destroy her and discredit the ANC. She was speaking at a news conference two days after Nelson Mandela, her husband and president of the ANC, announced that they were separating. An ANC official said that questions would not be permitted. "If you ask questions, you will be

ignored," he said. Mrs Mandela spoke of her devotion and loyalty to her husband and the ANC throughout the years of her persecution by apartheid governments, and said she remained committed to the welfare of the oppressed and impoverished people of South Africa. She made no reference to her split with Mr Mandela beyond saying:



Mandela: spoke of her devotion to husband focus of my life and my love throughout our marriage and continues to be so."

False allegations and "pernot only been ignored, but appears to fuel the desire of

and to discredit the ANC. Their campaign of vilification has created a difficult situation for the ANC, my husband as its president, and myself.
"In view of all these considcrations, I have asked the ANC to relieve me of my

sistent and sensational remarks" had been intended to weaken the ANC, she said. Referring to her conviction. last year on kidnap and assault charges, she added: "I have always maintained my innocence, and there is an appeal pending. My reques that the matter should be left in the hands of the courts has

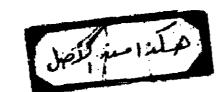
duties as head of the department of social welfare." She claimed she had been dissuaded by close comrades from resigning earlier. But ANC sources said she had been under intense pressure from the executive commit-

> her welfare post. The militant Azanian People's Organisation (A2apo) claimed yesterday that it could provide a witness who would support allegations that Mrs Mandela was personally involved in the mur-der of a prominent Soweto

tee, of which she remains

nominally a member, to quit

doctor three years ago. ● MPs suspended: Four white MPs of the liberal Democratic Party were suspended from the parliamentary caucus for holding talks with the ANC about the possibility of joining forces.



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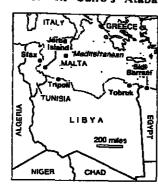
Effect of UN action will not be felt for two years

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

SANCTIONS imposed on Libya yesterday were primarily of psychological rather than practical effect, and it is likely to take two years before they may cause more than

Arab neighbours rallied to help Colonel Gaddafi find land and sea routes to circumvent the air embargo which most Islamic govern-ments (with the possible exception of Iran) were expected to enforce. Italy sent up warplanes to warn off an attempted overflight by Libyan Arab airlines.

In Egypt, extra security and immigration personnel were sent to the land border, which was reopened last year after a long dispute. Arrangements were made for a shuttle bus service between refurbished provincial airports at Tobruk in Libya and Sidi Barrani on the Egyptian coast. In Cairo's Ataba



Arab fear of oil ban grows

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations sanctions against Libya which came into effect yesterday are likely to remain in force for a long time, but are not thought to threaten the Libyan regime.

Diplomats at UN headquarters said Libya would find it very difficult to convince the UN Security Council to lift the sanctions because of the vague wording of the resolution imposing them. "The problem is the escalation of sanctions," said

one Arab diplomat. Arab governments fear that Britain and the United States may seek a UN oil embargo if Libya fails to surrender two intelligence agents wanted for the Lock-

erbie bombing. "That's obviously something that could be considered for the future," Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. said in a BBC interview yesterday. But he said that it was "not part of the present

plan". To have the sanctions lifted. Libya must turn over the two suspects to stand trial in Britain or America and cooperate with a French investigation into an attack on a French-owned airliner over Niger in 1988. It must also take unspecified "concrete actions" to renounce terrorism. Britain, France and America — who can veto any relaxation of sanctions have drawn up a long shop-ping list of what they require. Their demands include full information about Libya's

support for the IRA. The security council met yesterday to set up a sanc tions sub-committee chaired by Hungary to monitor the arms and air embargo. Diplomats said the committee would hear applications for humanitarian exceptions.

OPPOSITION groups are

trying to present themselves

as credible alternatives to Col-

onei Muammar Gaddafi, the

Libyan leader, if he falters

under the international pres-

sure now being brought to

bear on him. But the evidence

of their part history and

present bickering does not

Salvation of Libya, the lead-

ing opposition party, headed

by Muhammad Yusef al-

Magarial, begins its third

national congress in Dallas.

Texas, tomorrow. Formed in

October 1981, the front has

never quite recovered from its

premature action in April

1984 when its military wing

misread as a signal for a coup

attempt the Western antipa-

thy to Colonel Gaddafi after

The National Front for the

augur well.

Square buses and Libyan taxis were ready to make the five-hour journey to the border crossing at Salum. Bus fares of 100 Egyptian pounds (£18) were on offer. On the walls of the Libyan embassy. garish posters depicted the American bombing of Libya

Tunisia, anxious to exploit the commercial possibilities. was preparing for increased air traffic at Sfax and the holiday island of Djerba, both a comfortable drive to Tripoli while in the Libyan capital, officials announced plans for a new daily hovercraft service to Malta,

Egyptian workers carrying battered cases said the sanc tions would make no differ ence to their plans to work in Libya. "The people who will be hit hardest are the foreign workers and the fat cats who could afford the air fare in the first place," said Muhammad Awas, a Cairo driver.

In the run-up to the deadline, Libya has been stockpiling food and medicine and transferring capital from Europe to banking havens in the Gulf and Far East. Most of its imports, ranging from toiletries and clothes to hardware, come by land and sea routes not covered by the sanctions. Oil is pumped through three large pipes to the Mediterranean and shipped to western Europe.

The sanctions were described yesterday by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, as "persuasive" rather than "punitive". But it was hard to find an Arab not convinced that they were only the first step on a road which could end in violence. A Libyan official in Tripoli said he was now awaiting "the next turn of the screw

But sanctions on Libya could never be expected to bite if oil was not included. Such a move would incur resistance from Italy and Germany which rely heavily on Libyan light crude. Because of its type - it is environmentally highly val-ued — cannot easily be substituted. The chances of seen as thin and likely to drive

a damaging wedge between

Washington and the European Community. From the Gulf to the Atlantic, Arab commentators are convinced that President Bush was looking for preelection military showdown. Anger at what was seen as the bullying of a fellow Arab was exacerbated by a feeling that double standards were being applied, with no similar pressure on Israel to fulfil the terms of UN resolutions, demanding the return of Arab

land seized in 1967. Even normally apolitical Arabs said that the West was looking for Colonel Gaddaff's overthrow. Ironically, his internal position might well be strengthened if he resists sanctions and portray them as a "Christian and Jewish" crusade against the Muslims. Bonn: Germany imports about 17 per cent of its crude oil from Libya, which is the country's largest supplier after Britain and republics of the former Soviet Union (Ian

Murray writes). German companies have been increasingly shy of investment in Libya since 1989. when American intelligence revealed that a factory near Rabta which could be used for chemical-weapon manufacture was being built with German know-how.

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the murder of Yvonne Fletch-

er, a woman police officer, in

London, Known as the Liby-

an National Army, the mili-

tary wing has close links with

the United States, where it is

maintained as a quasi-Contra

force, more threat than realis-

amorphous, part Western lib-

eralism, part Islam. To coun-

ter recent defections, it

promises a new political pro-

At the front's centre is Ma-

jor Abdel-Moneim al-Houni,

Colonel Gaddafi's former for-

eign minister, who fled to

The front's politics remain

tic fighting outfit.

gramme in Dallas.

Opposition groups pose little threat

Bickering among Libya's opposition

does not bode well for any takeover from

Colonel Gaddafi, Andrew Lycett writes

Cairo in 1975. He convened

the Libyan National Salva-

tion Committee in 1986. This

body, which evolved into the

National Alliance, broke

down in January 1988 over

the question of a deal with

moderate elements around

Colonel Gaddafi. A rump,

under Mansour al-Kikhia,

another former foreign min-

Instead, attention has

turned to Islamic groups.

which are strong in neigh-

bouring Tunisia and Algeria.

Abdullah Bou Sinn, the head

of the Libyan Muslim Broth-

erhood, is based in London,

ister, has faded from view.



Raids remembered: Libyan children wearing black scarves to mourn their parents, who were killed in the American bombing of Tripoli six years ago. But unlike the angry anti-American demonstrations of 1986 following the attacks, the mood yesterday was one of despair

Traders await next turn of the screw

THE mood in Tripoli's mam souk yesterday was one of despair rather than defiance. Absent from the Libyan capital were the angry demonstrations that became a daily occurrence during the country's confrontation with the United States in 1986. Instead, merchants began to worry about their business slipping away with the imposition of United Nations

sanctions. Trade at the souk off Green Square in central Tripoli remained brisk. Air sanctions mostly affect foreign travellers; businessmen drive in their goods from Tunis and Egypt. Stalls in the labyrinthine market place did a busy trade in cheap Tunisian cloth and goods from Cairo. Women tried on gold bracelets and

This trade is fairly recent. Until 1988, imports were strictly monitored and most stalls in the souk were shuttered. The universal theory from Colonel Muammar

Libyans feel that Colonel Gaddafi has again got them involved in something not in the country's best interests, Marie Colvin writes

Gaddafi's "Green Book", "partners not wage-earn-ers", prohibiting employment as a form of slavery. remained in force. But business has burgeoned since 1988, when Colonel Gaddafi personally drove a tractor into custom posts on the borders with Tunisia and Egypt and announced the frontiers were open. Traders now can import as much merchandise they want with no difficulty.

Yesterday, merchants and customers gossiped in the sunshine about what would happen next. They had been hopeful in the past few days that a compromise would be found over the United Nations resolution demanding that Colonel Gaddafi surrender the two Libyans suspected of the Lockerbie bombing or face air, arms and diplomatic sanctions. Now the fear is that Libya will return to isolation.

"We are waiting for the next turn of the screw," said Khled, who sells colourful Tunisian silk cloth from a small cubicle. He and others are worried that the sanctions which partly grounded Libyan planes yesterday and resulted in Italy. Belgium. France, Germany, Sweden. Denmark and Japan expelling Libyan diplomats will be followed by more severe restrictions, such as an embargo on Libvan oil, the country's main source of

income. There is a strong feeling among Libyans, both officials and private citizens, that their country has been unfairly singled out for punish-

ment. "The West wants Gaddafi's head," one Libyan said. "This problem has nothing to do with Lockerbie. Nobody thinks about the people here. Libyans just want a peaceful life." Few in Libya believe the

American and British demand for the surrender of the two Libyans is fair. "If Libya asked to extradite two American citizens, do you think the world would back us like this? a Libyan businessman asked yesterday. However, many people

are fed up with Libya's involvement in actions that bring Western condemnation. They feel Colonel Gaddafi has once more got them involved in something which is not in the country's best interests. Privately and quietly, understandable given the large numbers of secret police on the streets, many Libyans agonise about how Libya could be a rich country with tourists bringing in foreign currency if only they had a different

Libya has about three million citizens and exports about one million barrels of oil daily. Most of the income goes to the military and revolutionary causes around the world. There is little chance this

grumbling will go any further than the dark back rooms of souk stalls, where it is offered over cups of sweet tea. But Colonel Gaddafi hears the ripples of dissatisfaction and since the Lockerbie bombing he has increased the power of the revolutionary committees, comprising of young men raised on his slogans. In recent months they have even gained sway in the military, probably the only likely provenance of any move against the Libyan leader. He knows the form all too well: Colonel Gaddafi plotted the coup that brought him to power in 1969 while he was a young colonel in the Libyan army.

Marie Colvin is on the staff of The Sunday Times

Russian military advisers to leave

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

RUSSIA is to withdraw hundreds of military experts helping the Libyan army, the Russian embassy in Tripoli said yesterday.

"We asked the advisers to prepare their luggage in an-ticipation for the departure home," a spokesman for the embassy said. He added that there were about 1,500 advisers and 350 dependents.

A later report from Moscow said that some advisers had begun flying home, and that former Soviet diplomats were expected to follow soon.

Since the beginning of the 1970s, after Colonel Muammar Gaddalī came to power, Russia has been Libya's main supplier of arms and military experts. The United Nations sanctions designed to force Libya to surrender two suspects in the Lockerbie bombing impose a ban on arms sales and the providing of

military training to Libya. The spokesman said the date for the departure of advisers and their families would be set after the necessary arrangements had been made. "We will try to do it without causing any inconvenience for them," he said.
"The possibility of special flights is now under consideration and this will need consultations with the UN

security council."
Russia said on Tuesday it would abide by the sanctions and would remove the advisers gradually.

Sergei Yastrzhembsky, a spokesman for the Russian foreign ministry, said yester-day he did not know when Libyan diplomats - whose exact number was not known would leave Moscow.

A duty officer at the Libyan embassy in Moscow said no officials were available to comment on the departures. but said the officials would be

working today.
At Moscow's sole international airport, Sheremetyevo-2, the only scheduled flight yesterday to Tripoli was postponed until today. There was no unusual activity at the

Libyan payments on its debt to Russia, estimated at about \$3.5 billion (E2 billion). are likely to stop soon.

Many carriers stand to lose business

Tripoli: More than two doz-en foreign airlines operate scheduled services to Libya, which yesterday came under a United Nations Security Council air embargo.

The national carrier, Liby-an Arab Airlines, operates from Libya's two international airports, at Tripoli and Benghazi, and 10 smaller civilian airports, which han-dle domestic flights only.

The list of foreign carriers includes the following Arab airlines: Air Algerie, Tunis Air, Royal Air Maroc, Egypt Air, Royal Jordanian, Syrian Arab Airlines, Middle East Airlines and Sudan Airways. European: Air Malta, KLM, Lufthansa, Olympic Airways,

Swissair, Alitalia, Aeroflot, Austrian Airlines and the Bulgarian, Czechoslovak, Polish, Romanian, Turkish, and Yugoslav carriers. Others: Biman of Bangladesh, Korean Air and Pakistan International Airlines. Libyan Arab Airlines flies

to the following cities: Accra. Alexandria, Cairo, Algiers, Amman, Amsterdam, Athens, Belgrade, Brussels, Budapest, Casablanca, Damascus, Dubai, Frankfurt, Istanbul, Jedda, Karachi, Khartoum, Larnaca, Madrid, Malta, Moscow, Ndjamena, Niamey, Nouakchott, Paris, Prague, Rome, Sofia, Tunis, Vienna, Warsaw, Zurich. (Reuter)

where he has been joined by

defectors from the national

front. Unlike the front, how-

ever, the brotherhood has

been low key in its political

pronouncements. But a mea-

sure of its importance is that

500 Muslim political activists

A bit player on the opposi-

tion platform is the Man-

chester-based Libyan Consti-

tutional Union, headed by

Muhammad al-Ghalboun.

The union maintains close

ties with the mainly exiled Libyan royal family and has

championed the cause of

Crown Prince Hassan al-

Senusi, who lives in London.

A new group, the Libyan

Front of Democratic Forces.

recently began issuing state-

ments from Tripoli, but re-

mains an unknown quantity.

are in Libyan prisons.



Grounded: planes standing idle on the tarmac at Tripoli airport after the imposition of sanctions

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The China syndrome

Martin Ivens on the last governor of Hong Kong

he material rewards on offer to the 28th and last governor of Hong Kong are beyond the most avaricious dreams of Westminster: a £150,000 salary, palatial offices, a country residence, a Rolls, a yacht. There is, however, a catch. If chaos follows the lowering of the flag on June 30, 1997, the reputation of the last governor will be forever buried in obloquy.

Labour's dilemma: "One more heave may have been the right response to our 1987 defeat. It is a wholly inadequate response to our 1992 defeat. We cannot simply change the face at the top and expect to win in 1996 on the programme on which we lost in

The new governor will bear an awesome responsibility for handing over, against its wishes, a free community, thriving under capitalism, to a Communist dictatorship. Until then he must avoid being seen as a lame duck. So the government may want to bypass the mandarins and choose instead a politician with clout in London. After his electoral defeat in Bath, Chris Patten is favourite, ahead of David Owen, Sir Geoffrey Howe and other politicians whose best days are otherwise all behind them.

whose best days are otherwise all behind them. If only symbolically, there is a strong case for a Hong Kong governor used to being accountable for his executive decisions. We the people, through our representative, should be directly involved in such an important event. A faceless civil servant, however well qualified, would be seen by Westminster as a poor substitute.

n any case, yet another Foreign Office sinologist, from the ranks of the officials who devised the 1984 agreement to terminate British rule, would be viewed with suspicion by Hong Kong Chinese democrats. Sir Percy Cradock, formerly ambassador to Peking and the prime minister's outgoing co-ordinator of intelligence, is their bête noire. He is said to have shaken his head sadly at Mrs Thatcher for contemplating standing up for Hong Kong. "I'm afraid the Chinese won't wear it, prime minister."

John Major's trip to Peking last year to mend

John Major's trip to Peking last year to mend fences with the post-Tiananmen regime, was widely considered an exercise in kowtowing, until Mr Major, with a true politician's instinct, departed from schedule by asking questions about human rights violations.

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Aiready the going is tough. Lord Wilson, the present incumbent, soon to take his seat in the House of Lords, has taken a terrible buffeting. He was damned by the press for his part in negotiating the 1984 agreement with the Chinese, and damned by Peking for a pressing ahead with a new airport after the killing in Tiananmen Square. His predecessor, Sir Edward Youde, died in office, and is said to have been killed by the pressures of the job.

A new governor must convince Hong Kong liberals by his firmness with Peking that everything is being to done to help them. He must reassure the plutocracy that the capitalist merry-go-round will continue. But he must also persuade Peking that democracy in Hong Kong will not damage its interests. Behind this sympathetic façade, he must advance London's real interests. He needs to be honourable but two-faced. Diplomats are often very good at this, but a top notch politician is far better.

ountbatten was the most famous flaglowerer of this school, chosen by Attlee's government to be viceroy of India. Although he had no party background, his royal connections gave him the necessary clout. He was very good at putting up a front. When independence came to India in 1947, General Ismay summarised popular feeling, British and Indian, about Mountbatten in a letter to his chief: "It is the greatest personal triumph for you and Edwina in modern times." Within months, the massacres following partition had made Mountbatten many lifelong enemies. Although several historians have vindicated his policy, Mountbatten was vilified for his speed in liquidating the British Raj.

Comparing Mountbatten's work in the cauldron of India to the difficulties faced by the British liquidator of Hong Kong, Mountbatten's biographer Philip Ziegler has dismissed the coming task as a mere "parish pump affair". Perhaps, but perhaps not.

Perhaps after 1997 the Chinese government will forbear to kill the capitalist goose that lays the golden eggs. Perhaps communism will be swept away as gently as it was in Eastern Europe two years ago. But the massacre in Tiananmen Square was an awful warning to those who believe that history has smoothly come to an end. The man with the ostrich plumed pith-helmet must be strong enough to be Hong Kong's scapegoat as well as its hero.

Peter Riddell wonders if the leadership contest can produce a man who will defeat the Tories

Little Labour love lost

othing has illustrated Labour's current predicament so clearly as the manner of the leadership bids. John Smith, confident of success, was uninspiring and cautious in making his announcement, but hours later, the outsider, Bryan Gould, was fresh and outspoken. Only Mr Gould has so far faced up to Labour's dilemma: "One more heave may have been the right response to our 1987 defeat. It is a wholly inadequate response to our 1992 defeat We cannot simply change the face at the top and expect to win in 1996 on the programme on which we lost in 1992." That is the right ques-

programme on which we lost in 1992." That is the right question, even if his answers so far have been vague and contradictory. By contrast, Mr Smith, while looking a leader, talked almost complacently of Labour being in a "strong position" after the election.

Pulling together may be preferable to the bitter inlighting of 1979-81, but not as a means of avoiding unpleasant lessons. Mr Kinnock's legacy is a Labour party strong enough to survive

A WEEK IN POLITICS

has been declining steadily. But the expanding new working class, who have bought their homes, may own shares, who do not belong to unions and work in services, and who live outside the old industrial centres, are not inevitably Tories. While Labour has a smaller core base, fewer voters are committed to any party nowadays.

any party nowadays.

What matters is that Labour appears outdated. It seems too tied to the unions, too committed to collective solutions involving higher taxes. That seems to conflict with survey findings which show that the public supports higher spending on education and health rather than tax cuts, but in practice the

public may prefer the mix of the

two which the Tories have offered since 1979.

The collapse of communism has also weakened the case for democratic socialism, however different it may be from the Soviet system. Individualism and free markets seem to be the wave of the moment. Parties to the left of centre have been in retreat throughout Europe, notably in Sweden, France and Italy. Even where a ruling rightof-centre party has run intotrouble, as in Germany, nationalist and other groups have benefited, rather than socialists. The American Democrats have thrived locally and control Congress, but have won the presidency only once since 1964.

Under Mr Kinnock, Labour has changed substantially, in, at least partially, coming to terms with markets, dropping unilateralism and embracing the EC. But Labour has become a Euro-

pean social democratic party just as that model has become outdated.

Labour now needs to go further by ceasing to be a party of producer interests. The unions may supply most of its money and act as a ballast against extremism, but they are now an electoral milistone. The silence of union leaders during the election contrasts with their clumsy manoeuvring since then. The party also has to re-examine the way it presents redistributive policies. Many of the public saw through the dumsy sleight-ofhand of the shadow budget. with its promise that eight out of ten people would benefit. Ex-panded public services and redistribution mean higher taxes

Talk of a realignment of the left is premature. The Liberal Democrars have reacted calmly to the election in view of how

battered they were only three years ago. But any hopes of replacing Labour have been ended. Paddy Ashdown knows that all he can do in the short term is to keep quiet and watch Labour. An electoral pact with Labour would probably drive many Lib Dem supporters over to the Tories. But Labour and the Lib Dems need at least to talk, and will probably discuss electoral reform.

Mr Smith seems unlikely to address many of these issues directly. As the frontrunner, he does not want to make unnecessary advance commitments. But while that is tactically understandable, it is a misrcading of Labour's situation. Mr Smith has many qualifications to be Labour leader. He is competent. shrewd and a strong Commons debater, while Mr Gould's political judgment has at times been shaky and is not trusted by many colleagues. However certain the outcome. the advantage of Mr Gould's candidacy is that it forces into the open questions about Labour's future that need

Going for fool's gold

The modern Olympics corrupt ideals of sportsmanship and encourage cheating and commercialism, says Bernard Levin

ill the world never learn? I have, after all, been trying to teach it for several decades, with, as far as I can see, not so much as a dent in the world's thick and ungrateful hide. Moreover, in the matter I shall discuss today, it has even less excuse than usual, for mine is a theme to which I regularly return every four years, with good but melancholy reason. This time I beg you to pay attention to my quadrennial cry, which is: No good can ever come of the Olympics.

of the Olympics.

No good has ever come of the Olympics. As far back as 416 BC there was a monumental row, when Alcibiades walked out after achieving a colossal victory. Despite the plaudits, he announced that he would never compete again, because the plebeian quality of the contes-tants had fallen so far that no gentleman would mingle with such riff-raff. The Olympics Committee stood firm, and Alcibiades slung his hook. (He went Athens; the tragic Sicilian Expedition was largely his idea, and he made such a noise about it that the quieter voices, who foresaw what would happen, could not be heard. Did I not say that no good can come of There are still three months

There are still three months to go, and already the uproar has started, and started, moreover, in so remote a corner of the battlefield that when the real yelling and screaming begins, it promises a nonpareit

Spain has recently produced a remarkable number of great tenors, but everybody knows that where there are tenors there are troubles as the sparks fly upwards. This trouble arose because Alfredo Kraus (what kind of a Spaniard can a man with a surname like that be?) was originally left out of the musical merry-merry that is to

precede the dreadful business of running and jumping. The merry-merry in question was in the hands of José Carreras, who had already roped in Placido Domingo, as well he might, whereupon Kraus declared that he had suffered "great lack of respect and consideration", and was minded to take his hoop, his drum and his skipping-rope and go home.

but not strong enough to win. Labour's share of the vote was

25 per cent above its 1983 level,

when it needed to rise by a half

for victory. Attacks by the Tory

tabloids and the tacky triumphalism of the Sheffield rally did

not help, but they do not explain

why, during a deep recession.

there are only as many Labour

MPs as there were after the

1979 defeat, or why the party's

vote was its lowest, apart from

Labour can never win - similar

doom-laden predictions after its

1959 loss were soon contradict-

ed - but four defeats in a row is

Social changes are a partial explanation. The old working

class of council house tenants

and union members, employed

in manufacturing, living in

England, and loyal to Labour

more than bad luck.

All this does not mean that

1983 and 1987, since 1931.

It was all patched up, though it may well blow open again before kick-off, and I am offering six to four that it will. But if such shenanigans can break out over nothing more substantial than who sings Nessun dorma, just imagine the mayhem that is going to be flooding the entire enterprise with the real work of cheating, fighting, abusing, was the control of the state of the stat

with the real work of chearing, fighting, abusing, walking out, complaining, demanding, spiking, poison-penning,
fornicating, racial-sturring and
bribing.

In my youth, no fewer than 11

Olympics ago, I was in the stands at the White City, where the 1948 Olympics were held; it was one of the British runners (who was doing very well) came abreast of the stand in which I was cheering on the home team, I clearly saw some bloody foreigner give our boy a deliberate and forceful shove, which made him stagger to the side of the track and half-stumble; he gallantly returned to his lane, but by then he had lost so much ground that his chance had gone.

From that day on, I knew that the Olympics constituted a Bad Thing, and that the good, generous Baron Coubertin who had (with his own money) restarted the business after so many centuries would achieve the exact opposite of his intention, which was to bring harmony and friendship to the nations.



Baron Coubertin's vision of the modern Games has failed to revive the spirit of fair play

Some hope. Already ETA (the Spanish equivalent of the IRA) have promised disruption; such people are quite capable of setting bombs in the stadium, and I am not trying to make flesh creep: there was mass murder at the Munich Olympics of 1972, and terrorism has greatly advanced in skill and weaponry since then. But even if no such tragedy befalls, there will be plenty of grim comedy before the day

Just think for a moment about the rigorous drug-testing the athletes must undergo (well, not so rigorous if they can find a crooked doctor or two). Does it not demonstrate the corruption that has eaten away the entire Olympic ideal? Alcibiades might have thought himself above hoi polloi, but none of the competitors in his day sought artificial aids to bolster their prowess, and that remained true through the early years of the revived Games: it is only in recent years that the stains have appeared and spread. And don't forget that the original Games were not merely games. There was a powerful element of spiritual content in the proceedings, and no athlete would have

taken his place at the starting-

line without having made libations.

If the need for drug-tests began the decline, professionalism and advertising have finished it. The whole point and purpose of the Games, as they

alism and advertising have finished it. The whole point and purpose of the Games, as they were twice conceived, was to test the human body and will to the limit, with no other consideration, least of all a monetary one.

I have a recollection of Chris-

I have a recollection of Christopher Chataway which fits that template. When the White City Stadium was being pulled down (naturally to have something much uglier put up), he was interviewed there, reminiscing about his running days, which were then long over. The interviewer asked him about his world record 5,000 metres race. "Ah", said Chataway. "I remember that — it was the nearest thing to being dead I have a meaning dead."

have ever experienced. Now why would a young man. as he was, be willing to drive himself to such limits, for no material reward and for only a brief immaterial one (for another athlete)? Whatever the answer is, Chataway was cut from the same cloth that competitors in the original Games were. (Well, not quite: they ran naked.) Those Games. all those years ago, were taken seriously - so much so that when Athens was at war, competitors from the state against which she was fighting were given safe-conducts to Athens and back. Considering the national quarrels that invariably arise during the modern Games, it is a mercy that several states don't declare war on each other during the

pain will regret this adventure; or rather, the real Spain will do so. another and much more recent Spain, which will sell gewgaws to the visitors (with an inexhaustible supply of chip-butties for the British spectators), and forged tickets to the gullible of all nations. But that is not the real Spain of which I speak. The unreal one has of the world, and but for the language anyone would be hard put to it to say of what country is his neighbour in the stands. The real, ancient, proud Spain, the one that Cervantes would recognise, and Velasquez and Cortes. and for that matter Joan Miro. will have to fight off the creeping uniformity, the debasement, the cheapjack culture, the noise and dust, which will not be the noise and dust of the corrida.

It will be the noise and dust of something which once adorned the world, but does so no longer. This time, Alcibiades would have walked out much sooner, and for a much better reason.



...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

ne day last week, a friend rang with the odd and urgent news that Danny la Rue was being interviewed by Jeremy Paxman on Newsnight on the subject of the general election. No, she said, she didn't think that it was a comedy turn, some sort of light relief from a month of heavy election talk she was pretty sure that Danny la Rue was being asked for his views and predictions in all seriousness.

I rushed to the television. There, as usual, was Jeremy Paxman, raised eyebrows at the ready. But his interviewee was not, alas, Danny la Rue. It was my old friend the distinguished opinionator Sir Peregrine Worsthorne. This rather more commonplace casting came, I must admit, as something of a disappointment.

My friend's mistake was, in retrospect, perfectly forgiveable. Danny la Rue — particularly when out of women's clothing — and Sir Peregrine Worsthorne look rather alike, particularly in the backward quiff that decorates their shared hairstyle. A comparative stranger to the worlds of political commentary and light entertainment might be forgiven for being unable to distinguish between them.

distinguish between them.

Noticing facial resemblances is something of a hobby of mine, amounting almost to an affliction. In the past. I myself have been a victim of mistaken identity far more grievous than Sir Peregrine suffered the other night. I was once walking confidently to a lunch at the offices

of The Spectator, quietly priding myself on for once being in a suit, and with a brush having been run through my hair. Suddenly, a group of builders by the side of the road shouted, "It's Doddy, innit? Yeah, it's good old Doddy! Hello, Doddy, hello!" I realised with a start that they thought I was Ken Dodd. This does little for the confidence of a man who wants to hold his own around a table of bigwigs at a Spectator lunch, and I remember spending most of the meal holding my teeth in and wishing I had brushed my

hair a little more vigorously. One of my favourite regular items in *Private Eye* is their. Lookalike spot, in which photographs of two different celebrities are set beside one another to draw attention to their facial similarities. General Zia and Terry Thomas, Mickey Rooney and the Oueen Mother, Larry Adler and ET, Arthur Scargill and Rossini, Sir Laurens van der Post and Bobby Chariton, Frankie Howard and President Brezhnev have all been featured to great effect in the past. Whenever I speak to the editor of Private Eye, I try to promote the cause of the striking similarity between the comedian Terry Scott and John Prescott MP, but

soft and John Prescott Mr, but so far with little success.

When I was working for Mark Boxer on the Tatler, a friend of mine discovered that the assistant manager of Safeway's in Lewes, East Sussex, looked exactly like Mark. The two of us set about concocting a plan to delay the real Mark Boxer on his way

to work one morning and to smuggle in the manager of Safeway's to preside over an editorial meeting, but the logistics were too complicated and we never got it off the ground.

Some people seem to represent the missing link between two celebrities. My wife thinks that the owner of a local publooks like Michael Caine, but a friend of ours swears that the same man looks exactly like Ronnie Corbett. Oddly enough, both of them are right. One victim of the lookalike phenomenon was the late John Stonehouse, whose apprehension in Australia came about solely because the Australian police were convinced that he was the fugitive Lord Lucan, even going so far as to telex to Scotland Yard asking the correct way to address an earl.

In all areas of life, it is as well to look like the person you are trying to be. Perhaps Neil Kinnock never became prime minister because the voters decided he didn't have the look of a prime minister. On the other hand, it may be that Sir William Golding won the Nobel prize for literature because the panel decided that among all his contemporaries, he was the one who looked most

ilke a novelist.

It is said that the Queen was once stopped by a housewife in a Norfolk teashop. "I hope you won't mind me saying this," said the woman, "But you look just like the Queen." The Queen smiled. "How very reassuring,"

Political grace, but no favours

ALTHOUGH many political observers were surprised to see Norman Lamont keep his job as Chancellor, he has lost the battle for one of the grace and favour country houses that traditionally go with high office. Dorneywood, the 45-bedroom Queen Anne mansion in Buckinghamshire, is now expected to go to Kenneth

Clarke, the new Home Secretary.
Downing Street insists that no formal decision has been taken, but Lamont himself is stoical. One of his aides said: "The Chancellor has No. 11 Downing Street, so he accepts that he is not entitled to a country house." But this does not really hold water. Douglas Hurd, for example, has an official residence as Foreign Secretary at Carlton Terrace in London, as well as Chevening, near Sevenoaks.

The argument over Dorneywood dates back to the Thatcher years. The house was the country retreat of William Whitelaw while he was Home Secretary and then leader of the Lords. When Whitelaw retired, Mrs Thatcher gave the mansion to Nigel Lawson, her Chancellor, as a re-

ward for his "economic miracle". The Dorneywood question was further complicated by Sir Geoffrey Howe's tenure. After he was removed as Foreign Secretary and had to leave Chevening, he was given the tenancy of Dorneywood as a consolation. Lamont, however, first entertained hopes of moving into the rent-free mansion, set in 214 acres of land tended by the National Trust. when he became Chancellor after Major's election as party leader. Instead the house was given to Kenneth Baker, the Home Secretary. With Baker leaving the government, Lamont again enter-



tained hopes of lazy weekends at the country retreat, which boasts a squash court, billiards room and 30 ft heated swimming pool. Once again, it seems, he has been thwarted. If the Chancellor needs to call his Treasury team together for budget summits, he will again be forced to ask the Foreign Secretary for the loan of Chevening.

David Owen, for so long the frontrunner for the Hong Kong governorship, last night graciously conceded that the job should go to Chris Patten. John Major, as first reported in yesterday's Diary, has offered Patten the job. "I always thought it would go to a Conservative politician," says 'Owen. who last week voted Liberal Democrat. John Major owes Chris Patten, who suffered cruel luck, a great debt. It is right that he should be offered it." And if Patten turned it down? "Of course I would consider it."

Buck in the system

IF THE boarded-up windows of the Libyan Arab Airline office in Piccadilly are anything to go by, the message that Britain is serious about enforcing UN sanctions against Libya seems to have been understood. A lone notice in Arabic and English proclaimed that the offices would empain shut

until further notice on the orders of HM Government. However, the government ap-

However, the government appeared to be in some confusion over who exactly is responsible for enforcing the sanctions. The Department of Trade and Industry referred enquiries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The FO said it was up to the Home Office to enforce the law. The Home



Office said that it was nothing to do with them, and was a matter for the Metropolitan Police. The Met, however, passed it back: "As far as we are concerned it is not a police matter. Have you tried the DT!?"

Spy sigh

FOREIGN espionage units monitoring London Centre, the head-quarters of M16, on election night, would have heard an audible sigh of relief at the news that Neil Kinnock failed to become prime minister. Not that the Secret Intelligence Service, as M16 is formally known, is in any way partisan. The problem was a far more personal one: they had met Kinnock last month and decided they did not like what they saw.

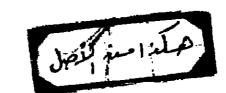
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Arabic and English proclaimed the would-be prime minister a that the offices would remain shut guided tour of the undercover op-

erations he might one day have controlled. Initially all went well, with an avuncular Kinnock playing the part of a future spyrnaster well. Towards the end, however, the joker inisde the Labour leader could be restrained no longer. So relaxed had he become that Kinnock proceeded to crack a series of inappropriate jokes about how he had better watch what he said in the "nest of spies".

Hardy Amis

SIR KINGSLEY AMIS, 70 today, put on a bravura performance at his birthday bash at the Savoy yesterday. Apparently he wanted to say grace before the lunch in his honour, but his publishers, fearing insult to non-Christians, deemed it not a good idea. Not to be thwarted, Amis insisted instead on making his speech before the meal. Then he ordered the toastmaster to declare a loyal toast to round off the event - forcing all and sundry, including his son Martin, Labour supporter and republican, to stand and raise a glass to the monarchy.

• After 40 years with Covent Garden, Sir Edward Downes, who conducted the première of the controversial staging of Prokofiev's The Fiery Angel on Tuesday night to acclaim from a catholic audience including Lesley Crowther and Lord Sterling, Ruby Wax and Bernard Haitink, is already turning his attentions to his next and most ambitious project. The Royal Opera board is about to agree plans for a festival under his baton, including all 24 Verdi operas, to be staged at Covent Garden in the run-up to the centenary of the composer's death in 2001. The idea is that four will be produced each year, starting next season with a new production of Stiffelio with José Carreras.



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THE TIMES

SPEAKING FREELY

On April 27, the newly-elected House of Commons will go to the Lords, there to receive the sovereign's commission to elect a Speaker. The candidate they choose is carried unwillingly to the chair. This ancient ritual is a reminder that, historically, the job has been no sinecure. At least nine Speakers are known to have died violent deaths defending the prerogatives of Parliament

This display of reluctance is an anachronism. Neither the Crown nor the executive would today dare directly to challenge the authority of Parliament, or to threaten the Speaker. The job has become an attractive one, bringing to successful occupants the respect of their peers and the affection of the nation as a star of broadcast proceedings. So far have things changed since the beheading days that, in 1992, leading candidates are openly campaigning for the job. Yesterday, Betty Boothroyd, a strong Labour contender, was said to be determined to stand even if a Conservative is nominated.

Yet the ritual still serves as a reminder of the nature of the Speaker's duty. The Speaker owes allegiance only to the Commons. He or she must fulfil that duty without compromise with the convenience of government. The executive finds Parliament a nuisance. Parliament's procedures obstruct legislation. Its committees question ministerial judgment. Ministers naturally hanker after a Speaker who will protect them. No recent Speaker has been free from the carping of the whips' office, whose convenience they

have generally refused to serve. In 1983, Margaret Thatcher brought all these issues to a head when she appeared to offer the job, first to Francis Pym, then to Humphrey Atkins, as if it were yet another government slot to fill. Parliament would have none of it. MPs insisted on appointing Bernard Weatherill. He justified the wisdom of their choice, both by acting independently of the Tory whips and managing the transition to a televised Commons.

John Major is wisely avoiding the same trap. Though he seems to want a Conservative in the job, he is maintaining a studied neutrality as to which. Some in government are signalling that they are attracted by the candidature of Peter Brooke, who gave up his job of Northern Ireland secretary in the weekend reshuffle.

Precedent suggests that the Speaker should be chosen from the same party as the one that forms the government. That has been the case for all seven postwar Speakers. But this is a precedent, not a rule, and it deserves to be examined. Until 1979, it was tolerable because the colour of the government changed. Now the Tories have won four elections in succession. In these circumstances, the independence of the Speaker becomes even more important. It would best be protected by a new convention which laid down that the office was rotated between the

parties, and not reserved for "one of us". That may be a step too far for the triumphant Tories. But whatever happens, Mr Brooke would not be the best choice. He is liked and respected on all sides of the House. But he has only just ceased to be a member of the government. True, Harry Hylton-Foster moved directly from being Solicitor General to being Speaker in 1959, but the Solicitor General is sui generis, above

party politics. The Tories have other strong candidates. Sir Giles Shaw is the choice of the Tory backbench establishment. Terence Higgins, however, has been a robustly independent chairman of the liaison committee which coordinates the work of the parliamentary select committees. No one on the Labour side would regard him as in any way partial. If, regrettably, the Tories cannot stomach a Labour Speaker then Mr Higgins would be among the most acceptable names. But if the Tory top brass insist on one of their own kind, their backbenchers should assert their independence and defy the whips.

PERILS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The choice of a new Governor for Hong Kong is anything but peripheral to British political life. The colony is to be handed over to China in 1997, essentially within the life time of this Parliament. Its people, most of whom fled Chinese communism to make new lives under a free-wheeling but lawbased capitalism, have not been consulted. They have, however, been promised by both Britain and China that they will be free for at least a further 50 years under the system that has made Hong Kong a prosperous magnet

for reformers within China itself. The Governor who takes over from Lord Wilson must make that promise credible, or preside over local turmoil and a massive exodus of refugees and bare much of the international opprobrium for betraying the freedoms for which British democracy stands. The password to success, contained in the 1984 Sino-British Declaration on Hong Kong's future, is "autonomy". John Major's choice should be determined by that word, with all that means for extending the local scope for self-government and the rentention, indeed strengthening, of civic and commercial freedom.

Mr Major has been urged by Lord Wilson, an admirable but ultimately conventional product of Foreign Office Sinology with all its emphasis on London-Peking relations, to choose an individual with close knowledge of China and Hong Kong. It is far more important for the new Governor to be sceptical of the conventional diplomatic wisdom, which has held that Peking's assent must be sought for every decision, from investment in a new airport to the composition of a new Supreme Court, for fear of derailing the "smooth train" heading Hong

Kong towards Chinese sovereignty. The new Governor's priority should be to give his twilight government the maximum democratic legitimacy. As an appointed official himself, that will require him to bring in to Hong Kong's executive council, which acts as his Cabinet, as many as possible of the politicians who won seats last September on its Legislative Council in Hong Kong's first democratic election.

Since Hong Kong is not being prepared for independence, the history of decolonisation is no guide, except in one important respect: Britain should leave none of the laws on the statute books in 1997 of the kind which, from Pakistan to Zimbabwe, have been exploited by post-colonial rulers to justify repression. The anti-subversion clause China inserted into its Basic Law for post-1997 Hong Kong, following the Tiananmen clampdown, makes it all the more vital to entrench the independence of the judiciary. resist censorship from Peking and lay down legal guarantees for a free press. Peking, which last week demanded the dropping of the TV documentary Tiananmen from the Hong Kong film festival, will object; big business and the Foreign Office will urge caution. The Governor should listen to his electorate, which voted overwhelmingly last year for candidates ready to stand up to Peking. And he should speed up the timetable for more direct elections.

Hong Kong's prosperity is indissolubly linked to the Chinese mainland's. China is not politically monolithic, as the Foreign Office tends to assume. Just across the border, Guangdong province is booming largely because its businessmen and party officials have paid scant attention to Peking's attempts to put the brake on economic and political reforms since 1989. Deng Xiaoping's prediction in January that Guangdong will be Asia's "fifth dragon" depends on investment from Hong Hong and on foreigners working via Hong Kong. This interdependence is Hong Kong's political opportunity. The new Governor's eye should be focused far more on Guangdong's realities than on Peking's rhetoric.

UNDER JUDGMENT

That the Master of the Rolls should speak up for his old friend the Lord Chief Justice is no great sensation: what else are friends for? But Lord Donaldson's remarks in court yesterday on the occasion of the retirement of Lord Lane went some way beyond the usual limits. He said he wanted, on behalf of Lord Lane's judicial colleagues, to "give voice to the anger and disgust we have felt at the calumny waged against you in recent months". This was not the judicious language usually heard

from the English bench. Evidently a degree of polarisation between some senior judges and at least some sections of public opinion seems to have developed which could bode ill for the welfare of the judicial system. An angry and embattled judge is not likely to be a good judge.

The campaign against Lord Lane that Lord Donaldson was referring to included a House of Commons motion signed by more than 100 MPs last year, calling on him to resign. Its origin was Lord Lane's somewhat high-handed dismissal of an appeal in 1987 by the Birmingham Six, at the end of which he remarked that the longer the hearing had gone on the more he was convinced of their guilt. Rarely have words from the bench been so ill-judged.

Since then, not only have the Six been released but serious allegations of misconduct, still unresolved, have been made against Crown witnesses in the case. It was the Birmingham case, following that of the Guildford Four and the Maguire Seven, which last year led the then home secretary, Kenneth Baker, to set up the royal com-

mission on the criminal justice system. Much more is wrong with the system, obviously, than could possibly be attributed to one judgment by one judge. Some of the public comment on Lord Lane's fitness for high office, based on this one incident, has been overstated. And though his early retirement (at 73 rather than 75) is no great misfortune, he clearly does not deserve to be driven from public life as a scapegoat. In many respects his influence - for instance his resistance in the House of Lords to mandatory life sentences for murder, his redefining of the law in order to recognise the crime of rape within marriage - has been liberal and humane.

None the less Lord Lane belongs to an older judicial generation and shares its traditional aloofness and complacency. It has never seemed to worry him, if he was aware of it, that public confidence in the system for which he was at least nominally responsible had all but collapsed, and that his own role in the Birmingham Six case was the last straw. Had he responded to that public concern, there would have been no

occasion for any unfair "calumny".

By the tone of his remarks Lord Donaldson did not seem to acknowledge that these problems even existed. That will not enhance confidence in his own judgment, nor in that of the other senior judges for whom he spoke. There were ways in which he could have been loyal to Lord Lane without seeming to sweep aside all public criticism of his friend.

whether reasonable or exaggerated. There could be no greater contrast with vesterday's farewells than the first action of Lord Lane's successor as Lord Chief Justice. Lord Justice Taylor. On his appointment in February he called a press conference to declare his commitment to the renewal of public confidence in the English system of criminal law. It is to him and to other judges of his generation that the future belongs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Signs of disarray in hospital trusts

From the Chairman of the NHS Support Federation

Sir, It was generous of the new health secretary to announce yesterday in TV-am's Frost on Sunday that all hospitals will not now have to become trusts, as we were led to believe before her appointment. The majority of hospitals are either already trusts or operating as shadow trusts to come on-line by April 1993.

The start of the new financial year sees district health authorities faced with rapidly rising hospital prices. There is much internal disarray and continued "rationalisation" as a consequence. Desperately needed community services are being cur-tailed as staff with ever-increasing case-loads are able to provide precious little evidence of cost-benefits.

These reductions in services are

either despite, or because of, the great new band of accountants. finance officers, contract writers and negotiators, at least 18,000 of them at an estimated cost of over £1 hillion.

It has now become known that Lord McColl's letter to The Times before the election (April 4), which stated support for the NHS changes from health professionals, was cir-culated by the Conservative Research Department.

From the mid-1980s Lord McColl and I were fellow directors, of surgery and medicine respectively, at Guy's, where with other clinical, nursing and administrative colleagues we pioneered a new approach to hospital management, the Resource Management Initiative

(RMI). Chaired by a clinician, each clinical management board set clinical priorities and policy for the hospital within the overall budgetary limits imposed upon it, supported by an excellent team of administrators and managers who sought to implement these clinical objectives.

All this was overturned at Guy's by the imposition of the so-called reforms. Now the institution is run by a non-medical chairman and board of directors (appointed directly or indirectly by the Secretary of State) and a chief executive who seek to maximise the profitability of the hospital. To these priorities the clinicians are now subordinated.

In many respects Guy's performed substantially better during its last year of RMI than in its first year as a trust. And the internal market only took effect from April 1 of this year so we are not yet seeing the full

The NHS Support Federation has many thousands of professional supporters who aspire to a better-funded NHS which is based upon co-operation and collaboration between health professionals and institutions rather than market-forcesdriven commercial competition.

They, together with the even greater number of ordinary supporters, are painfully aware of the erosion of a universal system of care based on principles of equity. And they will continue to campaign for a better

Yours sincerely, HARRY KEEN, Chairman, NHS Support Federation, Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, E1.

From Mr John C. J. Shearer Sir. The suggestion in your leading article (April 13) that Virginia Bottomley's promotion is due to "gender" is not only unfair, but also

wide of the mark.
I know her and know that she is a compassionate and intelligent MP, was a first-class minister of health and is looking forward to her new job and in particular to improving the health service.

Yours sincerely, JOHN SHEARER, Anstead Brook House, Anstead Brook. Nr Haslemere, Surrey. April 14.

From Dr T. R. S. Bailey

Sir, I was sorry to learn that Mrs Edwina Currie felt unable to accept a post in the new government. Be-tween 1986 and 1988 Mrs Currie worked with great energy and enthusiasm, with a zeal for health promotion which we have not seen before or since in a minister of health.

In the first ten months of 1988 there were 120 reported cases of salmonella bacteraemia of which 26 people died. The number of deaths would have increased had not Mrs Currie, alone, been prepared to speak out. The country should be grateful to her. Rarely do ministers save lives.

Yours faithfully. SIMON BAILEY. Lincoln Lodge, Newmarket, Suffolk. April 15.

From Mr Harold Gearson

Sir. "I make a prediction. Labour

will not win the next election either ... Labour cannot defeat the Tories

again unless it becomes a Gaitskellite

party, which Kinnock will be pre-

vented from making it not only by

Ken Livingstone and company but by his own inclinations" (Woodrow Wyatt, The Times, June 13, 1987).

You might like to pay Lord Wyatt a

large retrospective bonus as a

prophet and recoup the fees you pay

Sir, In common with many others

you have rightly pointed out (leading article, April 10) the failure on the

part of political commentators to

anticipate the election result, many

of them clearly relying for their

I have been surprised, therefore,

that no reference has been made to

Woodrow Wyatt's column which

appeared in your paper on April 8. He alone provided an accurate analysis of the likely outcome and

produced a prediction of final seats

in Parliament which was extremely

close to the final result. He. at least.

appeared to rely on a sense of the mood of the British electorate rather

than slavishly following the results of

the rather discredited opinion polls.

59 Oakleigh Park North, N20.

Yours faithfully.

April 13.

BRUCE LEWIN.

analysis on the opinion polls.

your present professional pundits.

Yours faithfully.

April II.

HAROLD GEARSON,

From Mr Bruce Lewin

20 Wessex Gardens, NW11.

Election predictions

From Mr Noel Falconer

Sir, The election opinion polls did, accurately and reliably, what they do: the pundits continue to display the shallowness of their expertis pontificating upon a "failure" that does not exist and hence cannot be investigated.

Polls reflect what the population as a whole will and can tell. Both qualifications are powerful. We lie to intrusive questioners - I have deceived them myself. And we lie to ourselves; we fulminate against the actions of this minister or the next and swear never to vote for those clowns again. Only at the moment of marking the ballot paper do we discover the truth, too late to inform a pollster even if we are willing to do

Statistics is a language that the public does not speak, that needs interpretation by genuine experts aware of its limitations.

Yours sincerely. NOEL FALCONER. 223 Bramhall Moor Lane, Hazel Grove. Stockport, Greater Manchester.

From Lieutenant-Commander Richard Attwater

Sir, The introduction of a swingeing opinion poll tax before the next election would bring relief to mil-

Yours sincerely, RICHARD ATTWATER, 7 Ash Walk, Warminster, Wiltshire. April 10.

Comic Relief

From Ms Jane Tewson Sir, This year's "Behind the Nose". the Comic Relief programme sched-uled for Good Friday on BBC1 (letter, April 14), is unequivocally not a fund-raiser, nor is it a Red Nose Day.

Our intention is to address some of the serious issues that lie behind our fund-raising. We have made a film that examines the reasons why so many people in Africa are poor and remain poor. We have also made five short films about our work in the UK

with older people and with young people who are homeless, disabled or have problems with drugs and alcohol. As always, these serious films will be lightened by a fair dose of comedy in the two hours, but the main thrust is to raise awareness about humanitarian issues. This year we want the public not to give money but to think deeply about the plight of others.

Yours truly, JANE TEWSON (Director). Charity Projects and Comic Relief, 7 Great Russell Street, WC1. April 14.

MSG and diabetes

From Dr P. J. Roberts

Sir. The article, "Diabetes danger in a taste of Chinese", by Edward Ashpole (Science, April 8) may have caused your readers unnecessary concern by suggesting the widely used additive monosodium glutamate (MSG) may be linked to diabetes. Having been involved in glutamate research for over 20 years, I would like to clarify the matter.

The article is based on recent research from Joël Bockaert's group in Montpellier. In my opinion, their findings provide no direct evidence for such a link. What those workers have found is that glutamate, in the presence of a physiologically-stimulating concentration of glucose,

produces a rapid and short-lasting (five minutes) stimulation of insulin secretion from perfused pancreases taken from rats.

The nature of this effect and the identification in pancreas of specific glutamate receptors, like those found in the brain, suggest that glutamate derived from the diet could indeed act as an important physiological "amplifier" in initiating insulin release during food intake. Glutamate by itself is without effect on insulin

Ghitamate is one of the most common amino acids occurring naturally in a wide variety of protein foods such as meats, fish, vegetables. cheese and even mother's milk. The body treats MSG in the same way as

Scouting for scientific discoveries From Professor James W. Prichard whim, since neither they no

Sir, The bad state of government support for scholarly research in Britain has been lamented by several British scientists in your letters columns recently. During a recent scientific consulting visit to London, I repeatedly heard the same complaints from my British colleagues. When they complain, they can be accused of special pleading. I cannot.

Indeed, my own country has benefited so much from British scientists who could not find work in Britain that I am actually speaking against my own immediate interest when I urge your government to provide better support for British scholarship. But the most important interests involved are supranational; human well being and advancement throughout the world will lose by further deterioration of what is, weight for volume, still the world's premier national scientific community.

Funding for scholarly research is not easy to explain to the public. In his letter (April 1) Professor Biscoe of University College London rightly tackles the problem that is hardest for general understanding: scientific research must be inefficient to be successful. He uses the example of penicillin, discovered in England by workers not originally motivated to challenge the natural course of infectious disease. Similar examples

abound. If research scientists know in advance what most of their experiments will show, they are by definition doing the wrong things. Their plans cannot be made entirely according to known rules, because their job is to figure out the rules that we don't know yet. They are scouts, and upon their scouting depends the good of us all.

Before our ancestors invented agriculture some few thousand years ago, the hunter-gatherer bands that pre-ceded them must regularly have sent out scouts to find new sources of food. Those scouts were surely the brashest young people of the tribe, and they surely went out in all directions according to hunch and

whim, since neither they nor their elders knew for sure how to judge one direction better than another. Most of them would not have come back. The ones that did would have determined which way the tribe

walked. Even so today. Our scouts are scholars. The most successful of them reveal more of the rules governing our existence, which rules are then available for rational exploitation to increase the general good through the genius of commercialism.

Scholars who "fail" in that sense which has to be most of them - are no longer literal human sacrifices as their equivalents were in hunter-gatherer days, but as a society we have a great interest in making sure that they do not become figurative ones. They can still make useful contributions.

The cost is small. Your country can support a safe excess of "failed" scholars for 1 per cent of GDP only three or four times what you are spending now, one thing out of every hundred things you do. That is all your scholars need, and for it they will give you the future. No brokerage house ever offered so sound an investment.

You must convince your politicians that their best route to secular immortality (the single thought surest to make their hearts beat faster) is to become known as builders for the future, for our children. That means education to conserve knowledge and research to increase it. And not just what today is called "scientific" knowledge.

Tell your politicians to raise the science budget. If they seem to have trouble grasping the other reasons. tell them to do it for England.

Sincerely, J. W. PRICHARD, Yale University. The School of Medicine, Department of Neurology, 333 Cedar Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510, USA.

Greece the study of ancient Greek in

schools has been stopped. The

impoverished language spoken to-day has been cut off from its natural

Visitors to museums (including

that on the Acropolis) are frustrated

by restricted opening times and high

admission charges. Moreover, a new

gallery close to the Parthenon to

house the marbles would violate the

The advocates of the demand for

the return of the Elgin Marbles,

which stems from empty nationalist

zeal and socialist politics, should direct their zeal and support towards

Cyprus. The marbles must remain

where they are, in a country which

cherishes the classical tradition.

Arcadia, 38 Kenilworth Road.

Royal Learnington Spa.

April 14.

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Acropolis.

Yours faithfully,

M. DELFAS.

Warwickshire.

Elgin Marbles

From Mrs Magda Delfas

Sir, When in 1967 I left Greece under the colonels' rule, my visits to the British Museum brought me solace. I was able to keep in touch with my cultural heritage outside the geographical and political confines

of Greece.

Later, I discovered to my delight and amazement that apart from the perfect display of the Elgin Marbles (leading article, April 6: letters, April 13) in their special gallery, they are kept in a country where the study of ancient Greek is kept alive, where the original or in English, and in the most erudite and scholarly fashion. like the Theban plays by the Royal

Shakespeare Company in Stratford last season and in London this year. Schoolchildren, among them my own son, have the privilege and joy of reciting verse and studying Homer

in the original. By contrast, in School exchange visits

From the President of the Association of British Travel Agents Sir, Your leader (April 10) expressed concern at the possible detrimental effect of the imminent EC package holiday directive on school exchange

Your concern is unnecessary. The government's proposals for ensuring that tour operators provide financial security for package holidaymakers include options of insurance and secure client accounts which will be entirely appropriate and not burdensome for school exchange agencies.

The bonding option to which to you referred is appropriate for members of the Association of British Travel Agents who are high-profile

organisers of overseas package holidays. The association is seeking an authority to implement effectively this bonding option while acknow ledging that the other options should remain available to small organisers. of which school exchanges are a good

example. If implemented, in the manner sought by the existing self-regulatory travel associations, the directive will confirm and extend to the whole range of package holidaymakers the protection presently enjoyed only by clients of members of self-regulatory

bodies such as Abta. Yours faithfully, JOHN DUNSCOMBE, President, Association of British Travel Agents.

Fighting infection

From Dr J. F. Hollingshead Sir, I have spent much time this past winter in surgery consultations and home visits advising patients that antibiotics will be of no value in treating their virus infections. It does my cause no good to read a report (later editions, April 14) about a penicillin-resistant virus.

All viruses are of course resistant to penicillin and Staphylococcus aureus should be correctly described as a bacterium. My sophisticated patients will be even more confused by your report and might even think I am trying to skimp on my drug bill.

Yours faithfully, JOHN HOLLINGSHEAD, The Merse, Baughurst, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

it handles glutamate when present in food naturally. Because of glutamate's key meta-bolic role in the body, after absorption from the gut, it is rapidly removed from the plasma and metabolised by the liver. Only slight increases in circulating glutamate levels are observed in normal human subjects after consuming a high protein-containing meal, or when additional glutamate has been added to food.

Yours faithfully. P. J. ROBERTS. University of Southampton. Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, Biomedical Sciences Building, Bassett Crescent East, Southampton, Hampshire.

Twilight zone From Miss Maureen Mahon

55-57 Newman Street, W1.

Sir, Of course the depictions of F. R. Leavis, Mrs Leavis and Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch in television's The Last Romantics are all travesties (letters, April 8). How do we know? We have read their books. Every serious student of English literature

Yours sincerely, MAUREEN MAHON, Flat 16, Block N, Peabody Estate. Abbey Orchard Street, SW1.

Contract bridge

From Mr David Green Sir, A Cornishman pays toll when he heads east across the Tamar bridge but none when he returns home. As proposed ("Toll rises to fund new Severn bridge". April 14), Welshmen will have free passage to England

have to pay toll to get home again. Those solicitous for the unity of the United Kingdom might well reflect on the psychological effects of the difference.

across the Severn bridge, but will

Yours faithfully. DAVID GREEN, Rhyd yr Harding, Castle Morris, Nr Haverfordwest, Dyfed.

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WINDSOR CASTLE April 15: The Queen held a

Council at half past two today. There were present the Rt Hon Antony Newton, MP (Lord President), the Rt Hon John Gummer. MP (Minister for Agriculture,

Fisheries and Food), the Rt Hon

Lynda Chalker (Minister for Overseas Development), the Rt Hon Peter Lilley, MP. The Baroness Trumpington. Mr Alan Rodger and Mr Douglas Hogg, MP were sworn in as Members of Her Majesty's Most

Honourable Privy Council.
The Rt Hon Peter Lilley, MP took the Oath of Office, kissed hands upon appointment and received the Seals of Office as Secretary of State for Social

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the

The Right Hon Antony New-ton, MP had an audience of Her Maiesty before the Council. BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 15: The Duke of Edinburgh today attended a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph, Whitehall, London

George Cross to the Island of Malta. Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Sillars, RN, was in

SWI, to commemorate the 50th

anniversary of the Award of the

10th anniversary of the Falklands War, at the Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London Captain Alexander Baillie

The Duke of York this evening

attended a reception to mark the

Hamilton was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE April 15: The Prince of Wales today visited Bristol and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust, attended a discussion and presentation from the Trust's Volunteers at the British Broadcasting Corpora-tion, Whiteladies Road, Bristol. Mr Hugh Merrill and Mr Gerald Ward were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE April 15: The Duke of Kent, Vice-

Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited Hade Board, this morning visited Floform Limited, Welshpool, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Powys (Mr Mervyn Bourdillon).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Control Techniques Limited and Handens Digues

Limited, Newtown, Powys. Captain the Hon Tom Coke

Marriages Mr C.C.R. Bannister and Miss M.J. Barfoss

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 11, in Exeter College Chapel, Oxford, between Mr Clive Christopher Roger Bannister, elder son of Sir Roger and Lady Bannister, and Miss Marjorie Jean Bariuss, second daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Barfuss, of New Canaan,

A reception was held in Pembroke College, Oxford, and the honeymoon will be spent

Mr D.G. Thomas and Mrs J. Clark

Connecticut, USA.

The marriage took place on April 15, 1992, at St Nicholas' Church, Cherington, Gloucestershire, of Mr David Thomas, husband of the late Muriel Thomas and Mrs Jean Clark, widow of Wally Clark. The service was conducted by the Rev Mrs Celia Carter.

· They will be living at Bubblewell House, Minch-inhampton, Gloucestershire.

Luncheon Victory (Services) Association

The Lord Mayor of London was represented by Mr Alderman and Sheriff Neil Young at a huncheon of the Council of the Victory (Services) Association held yesterday at 63/79 Seymour Street,

Sowrey, president, was in the chair and the Lord Mayor of London also spoke. The Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster attended Among others present

General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley, Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin, Major-General Sir Laurence New, the Commander-In-Chief Naval Home Command, the Director of Fleet Supply, the Director of the WRAC, the Director the WRAF, the Director of RAF Nursing Services, the Director General of Marie Carlo Cancer Care, the Director of Naval Recruiting, the Vice-President and Chaltman of the Council of RAFA, the Secretary of the Nuffield Trust, the Controller of the Army Senevolent Fund and the Administration Director of the RAF Benevolent Fund.

Birthdays today The Queen of Denmark cele-

Jones, former chairman, ICI, 68 Mr Michael Hirst, chief con-Miss Margaret Maden, educationist, 52; Miss Ruth Madoc. actress, 49: Mr Henry Mancini, composer, 68; Mr P.I. Marshall, chairman, Ocean Group, 65: Mr John Robson, diplomat, 62; Miss Gabriela Sabatini, tennis player, 22; Miss Constance Shacklock, opera singer, 79; Dr W.T. Stearn, botanist. 81; Professor Barbara Tizard, educationist, 66; Sir Peter Ustinov, actor, 71.

Dean Close School

and Christopher Hillman is her Deputy, Matthew Butler is Captain of Cricket. Prize Giving and Commemoration will be on May 23, when the Guest of Honour will be the Right Hon Michael Alison, PC, MP. The School play is Hamlet. The Farewell Ceremony for Leavers will be held on June 19, and term ends on July 3.

Dinner

Technology

discussion of the Foundation for Science and Technology held at the Royal Society on April 14, 1992. Mr Geoffrey Butt, Mr John Coe, Mrs Barbara Darley and Baroness Platt of Writtle spoke on "The Challenge of Enthusing those at Primary Schools". The

brates her birthday today. Lord Aberconway, 79; Sir Kings-ley Amis, author, 70; Miss Joan Bakewell, broadcaster, 59; Lord Camoys, 52; Sir John Harveystable, Leicestershire, 54: Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, MP. 68; Spike Milligan, author and com-edian, 74; Sir Geoffrey Owen, former editor, The Financial Times, 58; Judge Rant, QC, Judge Advocate General, 56; Sir

The Summer Term begins today. Melanie Bird is Head of School

Foundation for Science and

Lord Butterworth, CBE, was in the Chair at a lecture and dinner

limited and Handcast Designs

The fire, on November 9. 1940, destroyed murals and paintings and the castle's landmark dome. Since then, rooms in the southeast wing have been used for storage as restoration work was carried out elsewhere. Their contents, a hotch-potch of valuable antiques and ancient junk, were auctioned last year for more than £2million in preparation for work on returning the

TWENTY rooms at Castle

Howard, Vanbrugh's 18th

century masterpiece in

North Yorkshire, are to be opened to the public for the

first time since they were

wrecked by fire more than

50 years ago.

build a more substantial exrooms to public use. Now a photographic exhibition has been opened to illustrate what was once there. Christopher Ridgway, lib-rarian to the Howard family, said that it had not been decided whether to restore

the rooms or put them to other use. "It would be an enormous task to return them to what they were be-fore the fire, requiring a huge amount of money," he said. "One difficulty would be to decide what period to restore the rooms to — the original 18th century or perhaps the 19th century afterations which were carried out in many cases.
"Perhaps one day we can

Castle Howard blazes

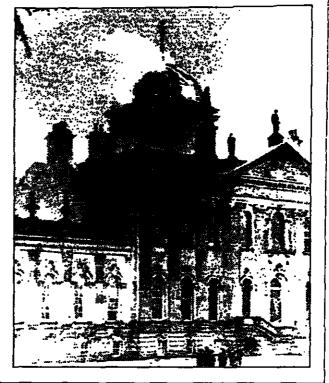
a new exhibition trail

By PAUL WILKINSON

hibition hall, but for now we are happy to be able to show people what happened in the great fire, and, by using archive pictures, show them what was lost. It also will give them another aspect on the building dispelling the notion that it is a fairy palace, placed here in an instant. Rooms destroyed includ-

The restored Castle Howard today, and below, as the fire broke through the dome of Vanbrugh's masterpiece in 1940

ed the Canaletto room; the Kit Kat room, which contained portraits of members of the carousing Kit Kat Club of 18th century Eng-land, including Lord Car-lisle, forebear of the Howards who had the house built.



Church services tomorrow

Maundy Thursday

CANTERBURT CATHERRAL: 8 MC, 11
Euch, The Archbishop; 3.30 The Thursday Candle (Our Lady Undercroft; 5.30
E Saker, 7.30 S Each, Missa Sancti
Dominici (Rubbra), Critiss sancti tul
(Bytd), Drop, slow tests (Wallon),
VORK Minister: 7.30 M; 7.50 HC, 12
KC, 15 E. Responses (Platinong), Short
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Lassust; 7.30 S Euch, Playsnoop Mass for a mene (Shepherd).

\$T PAUL'S CATHENDRAL: 7.30 M (said):
\$4.12.30 HC (said): 10.30 HC with the
blessing of the oils and the teneval of
Ontination Vows. A new people's mass
(Murray): 4 E (said); 5 HC. O sacrum
contribum (hiersisen). Missa Ruge Bone
(type). Util cariase (Darrillé, Canon C
Hill: 6.15-7.30 The Maundy Thurrdsy
Watch.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 7.30 M (said): 8 & 12.30 HC: 4.30 E (said): 5 Abbey Fuch, Missa brevis (Walton), A new commandment (Wright), Tanum engo (Durullé, Miserre mei (Allegri). SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; tl Diocesan Euch, The Bishop of South-wark 6.30 S Euch. WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 8 & 12-30 Mass; 6 Evening Mass of the Lord's Support, Missa Penge lingua (dequin), Ubi Carius (Duruflé) followed by a watch at the Altar of Repose unit midnight, Cardinal Hume, 7.40 MP.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Weilington Bar-racks, 5Wi: 12 Chorai HC, Salvator mundi (Tallis), Missa Sacramenoni (Pasmacin), Ave verum (Byrd), Rev E R loyee.
THE CHAPEL ROYAL, Tower of London:
On the White Tower; 79m HC,
Commemoration of The Last Supper.
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4:
1.10 HC. CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Pal-ace 7.30pm Choral Buch, Jerusalem convenere (Palestrina), Mass for three voices (Byrd), Nolo mortem peccatoris

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 6.30 HM. Missa brevis [Palestrina]. Christus

Factus est (Bruckner), Rev P McGeary, CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walk, SW3: 8 & 6.45 HC. ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND. Form Street, SW1: Spen HC. SWI: 8 & 6.45 BC.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL. South Audley
Street: 6.30 SM of the Lord's Supper.
Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Ubi carites et
amor (Durufië), Sancie Deus (Tallis),
HOLY TRAINTY, Prince Consort Road,
SW7: 5.30 Chural HC, Rev Dr M Israel. THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, Wi: 6 Missa in life tempore (asome-verdi), Tradiderunt me (Vittoria), O Lord the maker of all thing (Mundy).

HOLY TRINTTY, Sloane Street, SWI 8.45 HC: 11 S Each, Rev E Yates. Smithled, EC:: 7.30pm Cherkl Exch. Wood in the Phryslan mode, A. Popule mens (Victoria).

ST CUTHERENT'S, Philipeach Gardens SWS: 7 (Sumsion in F), Ubi carizas et amor (Durplie, Drop, drop slow lears (Gibbona).

WESLEY'S CHAPEL City Road, EC2: 7.30 HC, Rev P Mably & Rev H L White. WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 7.15 Maundy Thursday

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will distribute the Royal Maundy during the Maundy service in Chester Cathedral at 11.00. The Duke of Edinburgh will also attend. The Duke of Kent, as Trustee of

the Science Museum, will open the new National Railway Museum in York at 11.00. The Duchess of Kent will visit

Challey Heritage School, Lewes, at 11.00; the Cinque Port, Rye, to see the new Heritage Centre at 2.30; and the Friary Gardens Scheme, Winchelsea, 3.15.

Queen's Counsel

Queen's Counsel (honoris causa) Lord Mishcon, Professor Aubrey Lionel Diamond, Mr John Pakenham-Walsh, Mr Trevor Martin Aldridge, Professor Ste-phen Michael Cretney, Mr Franklin Delow Berman.

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went Moger, Mr Adrian Oliver Paimer, Mr Stephen Vaughan Riordan, Mr Charles Adam Maccell Barnes, Mr George Anthony

John Arthur Higham, Mr Nicho-las Edward Underhill, Miss Nicola Velfor Davies, Mr Peter Henry Gross, Mr David Philip

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Cleanett and Miss G.C. Emerson

The engagement is announced between John, second son of Mrs. Clennett and the late Mr W. Clement of Hardepool. Cleveland, and Gilian Care, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.G. Emerson of Harries of Develand

Lieutenant S.P.D. Colver

and Miss A.J. Bird The engagement is announced between Simon, eider son of Mr and Mrs Peter Colyer, of Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex. and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Bird, of Westland Green, Little Hadham, Herriordshire.

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Mr W.R.M. Cowie and Miss R.H. Carrick-Anderson The engagement is announced between William, twin son between William, twin son of Lord and Lady Cowe. of Edinburgh, and Rosemany Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C.C. Carrick-Anderson, of

Mr R.M. Croker Poole and Miss J.B. Begley

The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Croker Poole, of London, SWII, and Jennifer, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Terry R. Begley, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, USA. Lieutenant E.W. Flaxman, RN

and Miss E.J. Nussey The engagement is announced between Edward William. younger son of Mr and Mrs DJ. Flaxman. of Old Basing. Hampshire, and Emma Joan. daughter of Mr R.S. Nussey, of Ely. Cambridgeshire, and Mrs R.G. Dunham, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Mr R.J. Gledhill end Miss R.J. Anderson

The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs J.L. Gledhill, of Brighouse, Yorkshire, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Anderson, of Alderley Edge Cheshire. Edge, Cheshire. Mr G.C. Lester

and the Hon Susannah Royle The engagement is announced between Guy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Lester. of Rowledge, Hampshire, and Susannah, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Fanshawe, of South Cerney, Gloucestershire.

Mr P. McIntosh and Miss A.J. Taylor The engagement is announced

between Peter, younger son of Dr and Mrs Stuart McIntosh. of Coventry, and Annabelle, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Taylor, of East Chilungton.

and Miss V.M. Wynn-Williams The engagement is announced between the Duke of Roxburghe and Virginia, elder daughter of Mr David Wynn-Williams and

between Robert, second son of Mr and Mrs R.G. Salisbury, of Bickenhall, Somerset, and Julie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S.C. Edwards, of Stoke Bishop,

and Miss V.J. Whitehouse

Mr and Mrs Oliver Snow. of Whitehouse, of Guildford.

Royal tours

Telephone 071 481 4000

96:01. St. John 17:3 BIRTHS

ABOUKHATER - On April 13th at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Bassam and Wellington to Bassam and Mona, a daughter, Noor. AMES - On April 10th 1992, to Jane (née Pangbourne) and Asthey, a daughter. Emily Jane. Emily Jane.

ARKELI. On April 14th. to
Miranda and Nick, a
daughter. Lydia Harriet. a
sister for Joeh and Connie.

COLEMAN - On April 7th. to
Marcus and Simone (néeFurbisher). a daughter.

Staron Amanda.

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Virginia (née Wancke) and Richard. a daughter. Charlotte Luise. EDEM - On April 15th. to Alicia and Henry. a daughter. Roseanna. GREEMALL - On April 13th 1992, to Clare and Peter. a son. a brother for Thomas. Chiver and Toby. LOVELL - On April 14th. to Catherine (nos Baron) and Jack. a son, Charles Youngman James, a brother for Fosti

MERISON - On April 8th. In New York. to Guy and Caroline (nee Pollard), a daughter. Charlotte daughter. Constance Louise. MOSS - On April 12th, to Tracey (née Victory) and Shoun, a son, Alexander Shoun, a brother for Rachael. MEID - On Tuesday April 14th 1992, to Maria (oée Malystak) and Sandy, a son, Llam Alexander, a brother for Canran, at Simpson's, Edinburgh,

Martiner – On April 9th, to Isobei (née McTaggart) and Martin. a daughter, Ellie Jane, a sister for Josie. SCOTT - On April 12th 1992, to Julia and Alex. a son. Rupert, a brother for Daniel and Emity.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

ATHEREN: NEWTT - Arthur & Kath. Much love and thanks for your support and guidance from David. Susan, Stephen. Alson. Warren, Janice. Christopher & Stuart.

ALDWORTH - On April 14th ALDWORTH - On April 14th 1992. Mariorle, very dear wife of Frank for 57 happy years. Much loved and sadly missed by Saily. Tim and the grandchildren. Cremation at Colchester Crematorium on Wednesday April 22nd at 1pm. Enquiries to H Darke Funeral Director (0787) 61138, she loved cut garden flowers. 61138, she loved cut garden flowers.
ANDERSON - On April 13th 1992, peacefully in hospital. Power Maurice, in his 90th year. Formerly of Gogar. Romgal. Kentz. Husband of Jean Arbuthnot, father of Jereny, Kelth. Priscilla, Alastair and Colin. dearly loved. Thanksgiving Funeral Service at Hoty Cross Church, Durley on Monday April 20th at 2.30. Family flowers only please.

BEGLEY - On April 10th, Alex (Barcombe Avenue, London SW2): dear husband of Eve. father of Margaret and Slobhan; Master at Clapham College 1950-1978.

BOYLE - On April 14th, peacefully after a long liness, bravely borne. Rosemary, beloved wife of Lieutenant Commander David Boyle R.N. (ret'd.) of Bower Hinton. Martock, Somerset. Funeral Service takes place at Yeovil Crematorium on April 22nd at 3 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for the Summerlands Hospital Amenities Fund c/o G.H. Cook & Son. 8/11 Bond Street. Yeovil. BA20 1PE. Ind. (0936) 23463. 20YS-STONES - On April 15th, peacefully at home. Vera, aged 98. Beloved wife of the late Richard Boys-Stones. Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

BROWN - On April 12th. Ivan. beloved husband of Rosary. (ather of Sue and Martin. peacefully at Parkside Nursing Home. Banstead. Funeral on April 21st, 215 pm. at United Reformed Church Reseated Church Reseated

DARBY - On April 14th peace-fully in hospital. Professor Str (Henry) Clifford Darby. aged 83 years. Much loved husband of Eva and father of Jennifer and Sarah. Family cremation at Cambridge Cremationium. Memorial Service to be arranged.

CLARKE - On Agril 14th
1992, peacefully at home.
Joan, aged 85 years, of
Pontestury, daughter of the
late Dr. Walkins-Pitchford of
Bridgporth and beloved
mother of Jil Lawson.
Funeral Service at St
Margaret's Church.
Rattinghone. on Tuesday
April 21st at 12 noon
followed by interment in the
churchyard. Family flowers
only please, but donations
would be appreciated for The
imperial Cancer Research
Fund. Enquiries please to the
Funeral Directors W.R.R.
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DUIGMAN - On April 13th
1992. peacefully in hospital.
Aloysius P. of 47 Stryverhale
Avenue. Coventry. R.I.P.
Son of the late Bartbolomew
and Sophle of Drumbshambo.
Ireland. Brother of the late
Joe (U.S.A.) Marie (London).
Fr. F.G. Duigman C.S.Sp.
(Coventry) and Desmond
(U.S.A.) Reception into All
Soul's Church. Kingstand
Avenue. Coventry. on
Tuesday April 21st at 5.30
pm. Mass of the Resurrection
April 22nd at 9 am. followed
by burial at Camley Carden
Cametery. No flowers by
request - Masses please
instead. Dear Al. You are
sadly missed by all who
knew and loved you. May
you now be at rest in Christ. Therese.

FMAZER - On April 10th.
Dawn, after a short illness,
the very dear wife of Simon,
mother of Rupert and Carol,
grandmother of Hugo.
James. Madeleine. Liberty
and Jessanty, and always the
strength and support of her
family. "Not lost to us. but
gone before".

KIMITSUKA - On April 14th.
1992. at Hampstead. Yoli. a
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most loving friend to many.

Funeral Service at Colders
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Wedneaday April 22nd at 12
noon, Small postes of flowers
only please to be brought
personally. Donations may
be sent to The Marie Curie
Nursing Home. 11 Lyndhurst
Gardens, NW3.

LUGG - On April 14th 1992.

Francis Henry. aged 93.
Beloved talter of Yvonne.
Funeral Service at
Sreekspear Crematorium,
Russilp on Thursday April
23rd at 12.30 (East Chapel).

Please no flowers but donations, if desired, to Mount
Vernon Scanner Appeat,
Mount Vernon Hospital.

Northwood, Middx.

DEATHS manHEFTSON - On April 13th peacefully, after a brief illness at St John and St Elizabeth Hospital, St John's Wood. Stella, aged SO, beloved sister of Bill and Colleen. Flueral Service at St John's Wood Church. Lords Roundabout. St John's Wood. 2.45 pm Wednesday April 22nd. followed by cremation for family only at Golders Green.

MORRISON - On April 15th, peacefully in hospital. Peter Attridge, aged 53 years, husshand of Norma and father of Tony and David. Funeral Service at \$1 John the Baptist Church, Cookham Dean, on Wednesday April 22nd at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Development Foundation. The National Hospital, Quéen's Square. London WC1N 3BG.

OATES - On April 14th 1992, peacefully at home in her 93rd year. Windred May Oatos, widow of Schagm and daughler of the late William Edmund and Annie William Edmund and Annie William Edmund Service at 5 Mary's Church. Eaton Bray. on Wednesday April 22nd at 2.15pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. If desired donations for charities for the tillind may be sent to S.R. Dilliamore 1.1d., 16 OM Road. Linsiade. Leighton Buzzard. Beds. LU7 7RF (0826-572210)

OULTON - On Monday April 13th, suddenly. Brian, aged 84 years, devoled husband of the labs Peggs, and much loved father of Jennifer and Nicholes and grandfather of Kate. Daniel. James and Lucy. Funeral Service at St. Helen's Church, Clifford Chambers, on Tuesday April 21st at 2.30 pm. followed by private cremation. No flowers, please. Donations if desired to Actor? Benevolent Fund. 6 Adam. Street. London WC2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POLLARD - On April 11th 1992, at his home, Thomas 1992. at his home. Thomas Maxwell, son of Hev. George and Betty Pollard. Funeral has already taken place. No flowers. Donations if desired to North Devon Hospice c/o J. Westacott & Son, 2A West Street. South Moldon. North Devon EX36 4DG.

years, beloved sister to David and much loved aunt, greet-aunt and sister-in-law. Funeral St Peter's Chicken, Carwen, Lance. Saturday April 18th at 11 am. Family flowers only but densitions if desired for Inner Wheel Charities to Ainsworthe Funeral Setvice. Church Bank Street, Denwen, Lance. Id: (0254) 873290.

DEATHS

WATSON - On April 14th 1992, peacefully in hospital. Alice Orrell (Biddy), aged 72 years, beloved sister to David

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The engagement is announced between Charlie, second son of Breinton Hereford, and Vicki younger daughter of the late Mr Brian Whitehouse and of Mrs

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The Prince and Princesss of Wales are to visit South Korea in November, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday. The Princess of Wales will also visit Egypt

DEATHS

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ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 7.30 The Maundy Ench, Rev T Birthard. ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NWS: 8 S Buch, Missa Actema Christi Munera (Palestrina). Ubi Carints (Durufié).

ST MARKS. Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8.15 S Euch and Watch of Frayer, Ley in E minor, Miserere (Allegri), Rev Joanna

Yates.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 6.30 Buch of the Last Supper, Hear my priyer (Furcel), Five Pair Litary (Talks), Crucificus (8 pair - 1000), Lamentations of Jeremiah (Beirstow)

ST MARTYB, Bourne Street, SWI: 11.30 LM; 6.30 HM, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Fr Bill Scott.

ST MARTYLEBONE, Marylebone, Road, WI: Spm Such of the Last Supper.

ST MENCHABL'S, Chester Square, SW1:

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, 5W1: 6.30 Ruch of the Lord's Supper, Gloria in excelsis (Tomkins), Ave verum Corpus (Byrd), Pange lingua (Palestrina), Rt Rev BY Michael

URRIDGE - On April 13th SURRIDGE - On April 13th 1992. auddenly at his Clossop factory. Watter Snart, much loved husband of Betty. father of Tiger. Joving grandfather of Kate and Sophie (Miss World and Miss Universet). Family and very close friends only please to funeral at 2 pm on April 24th at Putney Vale Cremalorium. Kingston Road. SW18. Surrey C.C.C. to arrange a Memorial Service. Details to be amnounced later. No flowers please. Any donations to Womens National Cancer Control Campaign, Suna House. 128-130 Curtain Road. ECS.

ONSLOW - On April 14th 1992, at her home, Pamela, Countess of Onslow, Funeral private.

TOMKINSON - On April 11th, peacefully at home with his family. John Tomkinson CB.E., F.R.C.O.G. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving. Guy's Hospital Chapel. Wednesday April - 22nd at 5 pm. No flowers please.

LEGAL NOTICES

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
pursuant to Section 98 of the
Insolvency ACT 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the shore
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DATED the 13th day
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NOTICE OF MEETING
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CELBA LIMITED
On Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in
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PERSONAL APPEARS IN LIFE & TIMES SECTION - PAGE 19

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OBITUARIES

JOHN BRANCKER

John W. S. Brancker, a for-mer senior executive of BOAC and a traffic director of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), died in Elgin, On-tario, on March 27 aged 81. He was born in India on July 13, 1910.

FOR more than 50 years of a life devoted to air communications John William Sefton Brancker contributed to the smooth running of civil avia-tion throughout the world. He was the only son of the energetic and popular Briga-dier-General Sir Sefton Brancker, director of Civil Aviation at the Air Ministry from 1922 until his death in from 1922 until his death in the RIOI airship disaster in 1930. Brancker followed his father to Bedford School where he looked forward to joining the RAF. That ambition was thwarted through a slight eyesight defect. Instead he became, with the future Sir Keith Granville, one of the first two recruits to the Imperial Airways commercial

trainee scheme. Posted first to Cairo, he was waiting for the arrival of the R101 at the Ismailia mooring mast, bearing the Secretary of State for Air and his father, when news of the fatal crash at Beauvais in France arrived. This was his tragic introduction to longdistance aviation.

After a period as station superintendent in Kisumu Brancker took part in the first flying boat route survey to Durban. During the next few years, in the days of the Handley Page landplanes and the Short flying boats, he was, successively, area man-ager, central Africa, 1933-37: Imperial Airways' director of Wilson Airways in Nairobi and Rhodesian and Nyasaland Airways; manag-er, Imperial Airways (Conti-nental), 1937-40; regional master's demise.

director BOAC for India and Burma, 1940-42; regional director, West Africa, 1942-44: and BOAC's deputy director general (commercial), 1944-

When British European Airways was formed in 1946 Brancker was appointed its first deputy managing direc-first deputy managing direc-tor and general manager-(traffic). Next year he moved back to BOAC as manager of its eastern division and subsequently became BOAC's gen-eral manager, international

In 1953 he joined IATA in Montreal as traffic director to take a leading part in the commercial and technical committees of the world's airlines. He brought a robust and cheerful as well as encyclopaedic knowledge to the business and a delight in air transport's gregarious social Short in stature, wearing a

monocle in his left eye (the opposite to that of his father) John Brancker brought intelligence, deep thought and ne-gotiating skill to the manifold problems which confronted the steady development of air carriage. Yet he never at-tained the heights he might have, possibly because he had a certain reserve in pushing himself forward and because he saw, more clearly than most, the shortcomings of some of those in authority who did not possess his own professionalism. He was said, with truth, "to suffer fools cheerfully, if not gladly".

In 1935 he married Jane Wheelan who died in 1972 leaving him with a son, Richard, in business in Canada. In his latter years Brancker lived in retirement in a re-mote corner of Ontario, alone but for the companionship of a fine and intelligent Newfoundland dog whose recent death probably hastened his

SIR NORMAN ELLIOTT

Sir Norman Elliott, CBE former chairman of the Electricity Council, died on March 23 aged 88. He was born on July 19, 1903.

NORMAN Elliott had a rare combination of talents, equally applicable to the most senior positions in both the public and private sectors of industry. He followed four very successful years as chair-man of the Electricity Council with a ten year spell as chairman of the Howden Group. He had a remarkable intellect, an incisive mind, great charm, and the ability to lead and delegate. He inspired great loyalty in the people who worked for him and directed their efforts with en-thusiasm and vision. He was educated privately,

and then went to Si Cather-

ine's College, Cambridge, where he read law and engi-

neering. He later became a

member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Institute of Civil Engineers. He was called to the Bar, but did not practise, choosing instead to enter the electricity industry. Before the second world war he held a number of posts, mainly in the electricity supply industry. Dur-ing the war, he served with 21 Army Group becoming a colonel and deputy director of works. The prime task was to restore the power stations and power lines in Normandy and through to Holland in the wake of the allied advance. For the success of these tasks he was appointed OBE. Soon after the war ended



he launched himself with gusto and panache into the newly formed South Eastern Electricity Board, of which he was appointed chairman. He set up a management structure and a philosophy which proved so effective that it is still influential today. As chairman of the South of Scotland Board in the early

1960s, he was given the task of master-minding the introduction of the nuclear power programme in the region. His eventual spell as chairman of the Electricity Council came at a difficult time in its development. He succeeded in establishing a unified approach and resolved the prob-lems of internal relationships

and those with government. In all, he contributed 25 years service for which he was created CBE in 1957 and knighted in 1967.

It would be quite wrong to think of Norman Elliott, who was affectionately known as Jerry, as simply a dedicated public servant. As befitted a first cousin of Jack Buchan-an, he had a light touch and a debonair spirit. He loved the theatre and many varieties of music. He also had a passion for ball games, particularly rugby football, which he first played at Cambridge University. He represented the Southend Club and Eastern Counties, despite being on the tall side for a hooker. Later on, he refereed in Sussex for many years. There was a sneaking suspicion that he was not acquainted with all the laws, but the respect he commanded in the players overruled that problem. The later stages of his

career were spent in the pri-vate sector of industry, to the demands of which he was swiftly able to adapt himself. Not only was he chairman of the Howden Group but he also held directorships in the Newarthill and McAlpine Group and Schlumberger Limited. These appointments lasted until he was well into his eighties, during which time his advice was much

sought after and valued. His wife, Phyllis, predeceased him. He leaves his stepdaughters, Josephine and Sally, and a stepson, Simon Clarke, the former England

regarded and he was instrumental in

initiating a series of lectures for general

He was a meticulous surgeon who demanded the highest possible standard of himself and was able to bring our the

best in his junior staff. It is to his credit

that many consultant surgeons through-

out England owe their success to his

Giles published many scientific arti-

des and was one of the authors of

Essential Surgical Practice. He was on

the editorial board of a number of journals, including Transplantation and Surgical Oncology. His research expertise was recognised by his appointment to many Medical Research Council committees including the Cell Board. He was formerly a president of the Surgical Research Society. His wise counsel was

Research Society. His wise counsel was recognised by his appointment as a

member of the council of the Medical

Defence Union. He was an examiner in

surgery at a number of universities in

Lanka, Singapore and Cairo.

England and also in Hong Kong, Sri

To his patients, Giles was kind, caring,

and considerate. The very nature of

organ transplantation meant that he

came to know them and their families in

a way not frequently encountered in

present day medical practices. He had

an ability to talk with his patients in such

patient and persistent teaching.

practitioners.

APPRECIATIONS

Hywel D. Lewis

WITH the death of Hywel David Lewis (obituary, April 14) an Elijah among the prophets has passed from the world scene of philosophy and religion.

His passing will be deeply mourned across the globe from Japan and India, across Europe, to the United States and Canada, where he kin-dled the flame of philosophical inquiry in the hearts of generations of students - not least through his own metaphysical anguish. Hywel Lewis was a philoso-

pher whose roots went deep into the British idealist tradi-

tion, but who for a good part of his life was in sharp conflict with the contempt for metaphysics that characterised logical positivism and spilled over into the linguistic and analytical philosophy that prevailed in Oxbridge. His own passionate commitment to truth, the truth of being and of reason, would not allow him to tolerate any divorce of reason from experience, or any neglect of the great themes of philosophy, freedom and responsibility, mind and matter, the existence of God, the immortality of the soul.

As a philosopher he built bridges between East and



West, philosophy and religion, but he himself constituted a bridge from the carlier concern with metaphysics. over the and decades of positivism, to the present, when once again the great metaphysical issues have been brought back to the centre of the philosophical arena.

Our debt to him in this respect will be increasingly appreciated — a debt already signalled by his appointment as Gifford Lecturer in Edinburgh. He will be remembered particularly for his sensitive understanding of personal being which came to find expression particularly in his later works as The Elusive Mind, The Self and Immortality, and The Élusive

Thomas F. Torrance

Leueen MacGrath

LEUEEN MacGrath (obituary. April 14) and 1 met as first-term students at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in 1931. What a friend she was ever after - compassionate and understanding, loyal and generous, with a deli-cious sense of humour! I'll never forget the kindness that Leueen and her then husband. George Kaufman, the playwight (You Can't Take It With You, The Man Who Came to Dinner), wit, and highly esteemed director, showed me when I arrived in

New York for the first time. As an actress Leucen had a good deal of success — from the first production of Ter-ence Rattigan's French Without Tears, later in Robert Morley's Edward My Son (filmed with Spencer Tracy in the leading role), and on and off Broadway in New York, where she lived and worked for over 20 years.

Leucen's friends had the best of her. Husbands, of which she had five, did not fare as well. She was, indeed, quite difficult to live up to. She was amazingly lively and



ulate, perhaps because she was extraordinarily well-read. she suffered pomposity, pretension and money-grubbing extremely ungladly.

She had an unusual sort of

beauty, and because of a total lack of the flamboyant selfconfidence so often connected with the stage, she evoked both great love and great respect. Even as she entered a room, she struck people as a special person — special in both character and style, with an enormous aura of attrac-

Frith Banbury

Friedrich von Hayek

THE death of Professor Hayek (obituary, March 25) has caused sadness at the Reform Club, where he had been a member since 1935. Few in our age who began their careers as voices in the

see their ideas conquer men's minds to such wide-spreading effect.

In 1985 i helped to orga nise a dinner in Dr Hayek's

Russell Burlingham

honour at the Club, and at the age of 86 the man many here have considered our most distinguished living member gave an address full of wit and point.

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There is a slight patronising air about this reverie - a touch of Watford" belief.

to be singing us home...

Those homeward journeys are beautifully romantic, but there are other journeys, too, which possess a different and terrifying romance. Such to the ingrained southerner is the journey north. It need not be very far north - no farther than to Liverpool, to produce a sense of timorous yet greatly daring

Nor is the adventure wholly imaginary. Tall chimneys and dogs and women with shawls over their heads never grow familiar. Plant us suddenly down in the streets of Wigan and we feel like Macaulay's cockney in a rural village who was stared at as much as if he had intruded into a kraal of Hottentois". Beyond that, we have somehow created for ourves a picture of the north which persists even when we know well that is quite unlike the reality. John Leech made us actually frightened of it by one famous picture. "Who's him?" says one miner to another. "A

enough as we take our tickets at Euston. Bletchley is a land-mark; it stands on the borders

of the easy-going, homely south that we know so well. For a while we pass through the flat, open midland fields, 2 kind of neutral zone inhabited by strange but not necessarily hostile peoples, who, as we believe, hunt six days a week. Then with Lichfield and Tamworth, Rugeley and Poles-

worth, we come into the country of slag heaps, where dwell the fearful subterranean tribes of the miners. How different the slagheaps look when we are going to turn off at Stafford towards beloved Shrewsbury.

A row of blackened, stunied trees heralds the approach of Crewe. Another little while and

away on our left there stands out a big bluff, and in front of it a rolling stretch of country, its outlines mellowed and dimmed by a grey haze. In the distance there is a streak of silver. Here is the Mersey and Runcom, and in a moment Lancashire. No county de-serves and none possesses a gateway of more terrific gran-deur - the two black towns on either bank, the two towering bridges, and far below this water and the stretches of grey-not yellow - sand. And Widnes on the further bank has a splendour all its own. It is in the grip of a darkling, mysteri-ous something called alkali, and alkali paints his kingdom in stripes of black and grey, and hangs fumes and vapours over it for a great canopy. Somewhere, if it be the right season, we cauch a fleeting characteristic glimpse - a bowl ing green, crowned and smooth-shaven, in a setting of huddled houses, the shirtsleeved players throwing their "woods" with practised grace.
These are the terrible Northerners, and they would throw bricks at us.

And then the trains slides into Lime-street; we descend tremulously on to the platform: a porter takes our bag with ar engaging friendliness, and suddenly all our nightmare fears are gone and we are delighted to be there.

MOLLY PICON

Molly Picon, Jewish-American actress, died on April 5. Her date of birth, in New York, is quoted as June 1, 1898.

MOLLY Picon was one of the last great stalwarts of Yiddish-speaking theatre in New York, a bubbly figure whose rare London appearances ranged from pre-war vaude-ville at the Palladium to a 1960 starring role opposite Robert Morley in an east-west comedy called A Majority of One. Picon personified the American west. Morley. somewhat improbably but nonetheless comically, the east, as a Japanese

She was the daughter of a



BIRTHS: Sir Hans Soane, phy-

sician and naturalist, Killyleagh, co. Down, 1660; Charles Mon-

tagu. Earl of Halifax, statesman.

president of the Royal Society

1695-98, Horton, Northampton-shire. 1661; Sir John Franklin,

debut at the age of six, tour-ing as Baby Margaret in a vaudeville act which played nickelodeon theatres around Philadelphia. That same year, 1904, she joined the local Yiddish repentory in Pennsylvania as a child ac-tress. She spent most of her childhood on the stage, play-ing in song-and-dance acts all over America. Between 1908 and 1912 she appeared in works as varied as Bunty Pulls The Strings, King Lear,

mistress, and made her stage

The Kreutzer Sonata and Shulamith. In 1919, with her marriage to the Yiddish producer and playwright Jacob Kalich, she started her long association with his Jewish theatre company, based at the famous Second Avenue Theatre in New York; she also continued her vaudeville appearances. In 1931 a Jewish theatre in

New York was named the Molly Picon in her honour. After her Broadway debut in 1941 with Emlyn Wil-liams's Morning Star she spent the rest of the war on world-wide tours. At its end she performed her repertoire

survivors of the concentration Into her eighties, she continued to work with the Yid-

of Jewish songs before the

dish theatre and on television.

Geoffrey Giles, professor of surgery at the University of Leeds and head of the academic unit at St James's University Hospital, Leeds, died on April 2 aged 55. He was born in Coventry on December 17, 1936. GEOFFREY Giles was distinguished for shirtmaker and a wardrobe

his original work on organ transplantation and in particular his studies to extend the length of time which organs may be preserved. His death deprives Leeds of an outstanding teacher, pioneer of organ transplantation and a surgeon of national and international repute.

Geoffrey Reginald Giles was educated at Bablake School, Coventry, and Manchester University where he graduated in medicine in 1960. He enjoyed many undergrae uate activities includ-ing mountaineering but an incident while climbing in Wales convinced him activities. Initial hospital appointments were held in Manchester but he moved to Leeds in 1964 where he was subsequently appointed a lecturer in the department of surgery at Leeds General Infirmary under Professor J. C.

It was there that he developed one of his major interests, abdominal surgery. His association with Professor Goligher lasted for the rest of his life and after Professor Goligher's retirement Giles would, on occasions, ask him to assist with difficult or complex procedures. This attribute of having such a relationship with his teacher was one of Giles's many admirable characteristics which he imparted to his own pupils. He progressed to fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1964 and gradu-ated MD from Manchester in 1968.

In 1968 he was awarded a fellowship in surgery at Harvard Medical School, under Professor W. V. McDermott, and his interest in organ transplantation was kindled. He followed this with two years at the University of Colorado where he worked with one of the doyens of organ transplantation, Professor Tom Starzl, before returning to Leeds to become



PROFESSOR GEOFFREY GILES

senior lecturer in surgery. He was appointed to the first chair of surgery at St James's University Hospital in 1973 and he subsequently worked tirelessly to build the department and to establish its reputation for teaching and research.

It is as a teacher that Geoffrey Giles will long be remembered. His undergraduate lectures were a model of clarity, frequently illustrated with historical anecdotes which placed the subject in context for the student. His description of the first organ transplants would hold a class spellbound. He did not, however, merely dwell on the past and present day practice but frequently outlined how future progress might be made. As a consequence his students gained an insight into the evolving nature of medical and particularly surgical practice. His interest in students extended to their extramural activities. He was president of the Medical Students' Rugby Club, regularly attended staff-student rugby and football matches, and gave unstint-

a way that he was able to put them at ease and help them overcome their fears. He was generous with his time and whenever possible attended their social functions and would readily talk at their group meetings about developments in organ transplantation.

ingly of his time to give career advice. His postgraduate teaching was highly

In 1966 he married Pamela Hoey and they had three sons. He greatly enjoyed family holidays and on one occasion his medical expertise was required when he had to reduce his own dislocated shoulder whilst in a remote area of Scotland. Geoffrey Giles did not seek publicity

for himself but promoted and supported his colleagues. He was unassuming and somewhat reserved but he had an acute sense of humour.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has today warned

of England Newspaper, Dr George Carey said it was a lack of humility which had often marred the church's evangelical efforts. "Our message must go to all people everywehere and we must take it in love, with courtesy and, above all, with humility," he writes. "We need to

his repeated insistence that it was not aimed at people of other faiths.

against a triumphalist attitude and a lack of humility spoiling the Decade of Évangelism.

which stresses his commitment to evangelism with the caveat of inter-faith sensitivity, comes after growing criticism among some sections of the church that he has diluted the aims of the Decade of Evangelism through

In an article in the Church

to ours?".

second year, has caused concern among the Jewish and Islamic faiths in Britain that it would be regarded by some within the Christian church

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methods of communication with a commercial on Radio Trent, running during Easter week with the tagline "We're at your service, why not come

April 16 ON THIS DAY

ON GOING NORTH

(From a Correspondent) Every one of us who live in London has his favourite London station. To that station we repair once or, if we are lucky, twice and thrice a year, lucky, twice and thrice a year, and happy is the porter who secures us that day, for a shilling will be his portion. We pack for the journey with a meticulous and gloating care: we go in search of the cab absurdly and consciously too soon, and the whistle of the engine and the clark of the engine and the clank of the buffers through the night seem

strnager." "Heave half a brick

As long as we stay at home this queer, distorted picture of ours lies more or less dormant

"Surely the study of the physical characteristics of the emment's contempt for the were granted without proper recognise our own weakness More than half of all parish subject of Ptolemy and Strabo consideration. "Such a poli-cy," it said, "could lead to a and emptiness." churches in Britain have parwas a scandal. earth comes before the study Cannes, 1859; Saint Bernadette He emphasised that the ticipated in some way in "The new geography was a of a subset of those characterchurch with a limited geoof Lourdes, Nevers, France, 1879; church's task was to "go with the Anglican-led Decade of istics, natural science. It did Samuel Smiles, social reformer, London 1904: Bertram Mills, revelation to me, emerging graphical spread serving only Evangelism since it was from the obscurity of dusty a burning conviction that Jein ancient Greece. particular sectors of Scottish launched 16 months ago to "So don't take second or sus Christ is for all," but said circus proprietor. Chalfont St atlases and lists into a drasociety." Nor should the poli-Service Control third best for geography. Yours should be a core this should be done with rereverse years of decline in Giles, Buckinghamshire, 1938. matic relevance to real life, cy be based on an area's gard to the sensibilities of church attendance, accordand with completely new The Battle of Culloden, 1746. population as this would lead other faiths and having ing to the Board of Mission discipline. You externalise a confidence. New geography to unrealistically sized parishlearned from other cultures. which yesterday released dechild's awareness of its status seemed to be born of a rees in many areas with most The archbishop's message. tails of activities to date. Service dinner sponse to what children wanton earth. Without such unministers concentrated in tight the ... The diocese of Southwell is ed to learn. derstanding, there is no relalarge population centres. **HMS Ariadae** tionship between history and "The topics covered were the latest to adopt modern

Church of Scotland seeks flock The Church of Scotland is

missing missionary opportunities" because 100 many rural areas have no congrega tion, its board of national mission says today.

The board is to submit a

report on parish reappraisal to the church's general as-sembly next month in Edinburgh. The board's committee has urged individual presbyteries to look into ways of creating new congregations. In rural areas, it emphasised the need to preserve "the witness of the church".

But the committee cau-

tioned against a free for all in which requests for ministers

The policy should be to seek a fair distribution throughout the land." Congregations all too often demanded a fulltime minister of their own rather than thinking of

Carey calls for a humble approach By Louise Hidalgo

The campaign, now in its

as a mandate to convert. They have launched their own decades of revivalism in response. Dr Carey has been at paign was aimed at lapsed Christians and those indiffer-

in our brains, but it is vivid



shire. 1661; Sir John Frankin, Arctic explorer. Spilsbury, Lincolnshire. 1786; Anatole France, novelist. Paris. 1844; Wilbur Wright, pioneer of avi-ation, Millville, Indiana. 1867; John Millington Synge, drama-tist. Newton Litten, Dublin, 1871; Edward Frederick Wood. 1st Earl of Halifax, statesman, viceroy of India 1925-31. viceroy of India 1925-31. Powderham Castle, Devon, 1881; Sir Charles (Charlie) Chaplin. DEATHS: Aphra Behn, dramatist and novelist, London, 1689; Comte George Buffon, naturalist, Paris. 1788: Henry Fuseli, painter and writer. London, 1825: Francesco de Goya, painter. Bordeaux. 1828; Marie Tussaud, founder of the waxwork exhibition. London. 1850: Alexis Charles de Tocqueville, historian.

Lady (William) O'Brien, sponsor of HMS Ariadne, was the guest of honour at a dinner for previous commanding officers held last night on board HMS Ariadne in Portsmouth to mark the ship's paying oil. Commander D.L.W.

Geographical Association

Editor maps new aims for future

GEOGRAPHY should be a core subject in the new GCSE curriculum, not an option, the editor of The Times, Simon Jenkins, said yesterday. Delivering the Nelson education lecture to the Geographical Association conference at Southampton University, he said that geography's optional status was unbelievable to the layman. "Surely geography was intellectually more central to education than, for instance, maths or sciences? The gov-

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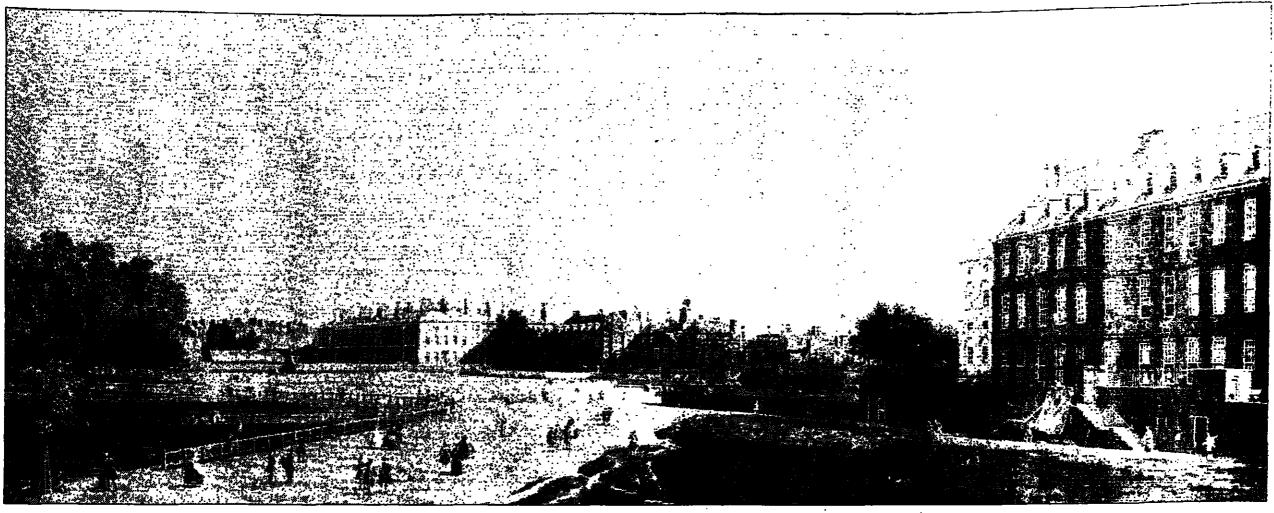
environment. Here must lie

the root of science, whether

"The low status of geography in the ancient universities is part of the continuum from the middle ages. This is reflected in the attitudes of graduate teachers, in the status of school departments, in the encouragement or discouragement given by teachers to pupils. It is a vicious circle that education finds it impossible to break. Breaking the circle is particularly hard when politicians do so little to support curricular innovation.

economics, between geology and ecology, between conser-vation and politics. Geography is the enemy of insularity. Geography dead? They must

Lloyd Webber pledges to put £10.25m Canaletto on public display



Italian vision of England: Canaletto's rarely seen View of the Old Horse Guards London from St James's Park, the artist's demonstration piece after he first came to England in 1746

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is thought to be such, how-ever, that Christie's has agreed to wait for payment. Canaletto started his career painting his home city, Venice, for the 18th century tourists. In 1746, he travelled to England and produced The Old Horse

Guards as his demonstration As soon as he finished, he booked space in the Daily Advertiser inviting "any Gentleman that will be pleased to come ... to see a picture ... being a View of St

The painting was initially bought by the fourth Earl of Radnor, who described it as "the most capital picture I ever saw of that master". It was subsequently bequeathed to his friend James Harris, and eventually passed to Viscount FitzHarris. Yesterday's auc-tion was the first time it had been sold since the artist's

A spokesman for the cur-ent Viscount FitzHarris said: "He is very very happy the painting is staying in this

Elsewhere, the Christie's Old Master sale was patchy. A tiny Rembrandt, Daniel Cyrus before the Idol of Bel, which had been con-signed by the Earl of St spite of bids rising to E6

Woman leads British contingent in Croatia

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

force.

who is already in Croatia with

a team of medical advisers.

BRITAIN is to send a field ambulance unit of 260 military personnel led by a woman to Croatia as part of the United Nations peacekeeping force, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, announced yesterday. An advance party is to fly out next week. Lieutenant Colonel Lois

Lodge, the first woman to command a regular army unit, will be in charge of ambulance detachments in each of the four UN sectors. Li Col Lodge's unit, 24 Field Ambulance of the Royal Army Medical Corps, which served in the Gulf war, will include six doctors, four nurses and 60 combat medics. The rest of the contingent, which will be based in Zagreb, will be logistics and

administrative staff. The decision to send 260 military personnel to Croatia was taken at yesterday's cabi-net meeting. Mr Rifkind said the UN had made a particuply a field ambulance unit. The British military team

will be committed to serving in Croatia for 12 months, although individuals will be rotated after six months. Britain's contribution to the 14.000-strong UN peacekeeping force will be among the smallest. Mr Rifkind said there had been no discussion about sending a British infantry battalion to Croatia. In a clear reference to commitments in Northern Ireland, he indicated that there was concern not to cause too much strain on manpower.

In accordance with the Geneva Convention, members of the British medical unit in Croatia will carry small arms to defend themselves and their patients. Mr Rifkind hoped the risk of casualties would be small.

Lt Col Lodge, 39, took over command of 24 Field Ambulance, based at Catterick in Yorkshire, in October last year. She has served in Turkey and Cyprus, where she was chief medical officer



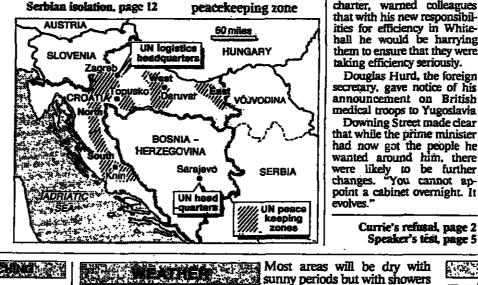
Lodge: heading field ambulance unit in UN

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will become cloudy later while northwestern and northern isles will see some light rain. Outlook: cloud and rain spreading from the

North-West; bright and mostly dry in Scotland.



Cabinet sets out priorities

Continued from page 1 danger that the IRA would be encouraged by the imperson-

al coverage, he said. Later, Mr Major praised Chris Patten for the campaign's success, saying there had been no strategic errors throughout. He added that he would be writing to thank all former cabinet members for their work.

William Waldegrave, who is responsible for the citizen's charter, warned colleagues that with his new responsibil-ities for efficiency in White-hall he would be harrying them to ensure that they were taking efficiency seriously.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, gave notice of his announcement on British medical troops to Yugoslavia Downing Street made clear that while the prime minister had now got the people he wanted around him, there were likely to be further changes. You cannot ap-

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Labour's power struggle hots up

cabinet figures conspiring to bounce their colleagues into electing Mr Smith and Mrs Beckett, the shadow Treasury secretary sought to distance herself from her boss in the Opposition's economic team. support John Smith's candidacy for the party leader-ship. I shall be nominating him and I shall vote for him, she said. "But I have not asked him to endorse my nomination because it he wins he will have to work with

whoever is chosen as deputy." While she emphasises that their views are not "in any way identical". Mr Gouid's supporters say that a Smith-Beckett leadership would be bad for the party because of the similarity of their outlook on taxation and exchange rate policy, the issue that is fast becoming the fault line in the contest.

Mr Prescott's candidature added a new dimension to the contest. Stepping back a pace from the inquest into the policy failings of Labour's descat, he emphasised the importance of strengthening party organisation and rescuing its

dling membership. Efforts to create a party with one million members had proved a "miserable (ailure", he said. He indicated that he shared some of Mr Gould's misgivings about economic policy and added that more emphasis could have been put on the poll tax, housing and his portfolio of transport.

The party had not sold the "benefits" of its rax and spending policies hard enough on the doorsteps and had not been sensitive enough to regional variations in the electorate's response to higher taxes for those earning more than £22,000.

Mrs Beckett, Mr Gould and Mr Prescott can be sure of getting the support of the 55 Labour MPs they need for nomination. Ms Clwyd, the spokeswoman on overseas development, can be less sure. She will seek to draw support from the soft left.

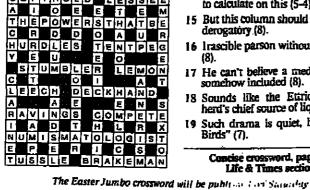
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dard (9).

5 Worried German builder at a place of vanishing crafts (7,8). 6 Salad produced by East European on cue, perhaps (7).

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Concise crossword, page 19, Life & Times section

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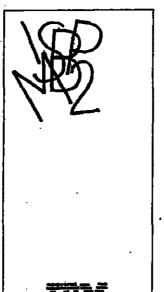
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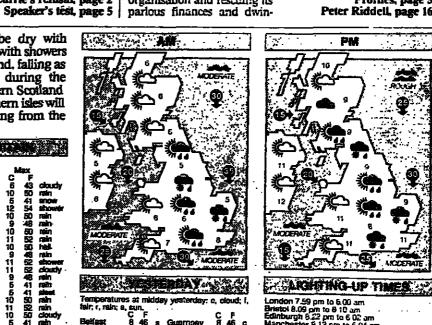
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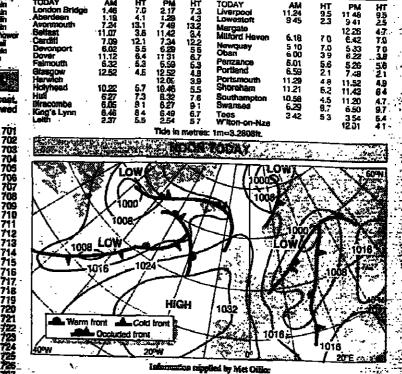
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Blue Circle, the building materials group, is maintaining its final dividend at 7.5p despite a 36 per cent fall in profits Tempas, page 22

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O&Y encouraged by continuing talks with banks



Miller: confident

BY MATTHEW BOND AND PHILIP ROBINSON

STEVE Miller, the investment banker guiding the financial reconstruction of Olympia & York, the Canadian property company, knows he has a mountain to climb before the restructuring is finally agreed. But he is confident it can be done.

Talks between O&Y and its banks continued yesterday, two days after the meeting at which the group's 91 banks were informed that the private group controlled by the Reichmann brothers had debts of C\$14.3 billion (£6.8 billion). The fact that

couraging, Mr Miller said. "The banks have stayed here, they have rolled their sleeves right up and are talking to us," he said.

The challenge that O&Y still faces was demonstrated by the news that it had failed to meet a \$62 million interest payment on a \$800 million bond, secured on a building in O&Y's World Financial Centre in New York, after the expiry of a 20day grace period. The bond has not been called technically in default but the company is now in urgent talks with Nomura, which placed the bond with Japanese clients. Mon-

day's meeting had indicated that O&Y's American operation war financially stable in the medium term, but the problem with the Japanese bond confirms that all the group's operations have been hit by

the current liquidity problems. Despite continuing reports of dissent between conflicting groups of bankers, Mr Miller said all the negotiations had had a positive tone. "I have not yet heard a single banker say that the collapse of the company would be preferable to it continuing under the current management." He denied that O&Y, which suprised bankers on Monday

by proposing to restructure only C\$5-6 billion of its total debts, was attempting to dictate terms. He said: "The banks want to ensure that there is fairness in the way all the bank groups are treated, one to another. We share that objective."

Mr Miller also denied that although O&Y's plan proposes that each of its three operating countries - Canada, America and Britain are treated separately, that any one country might be sacrificed to secure the future of the other two. In particular, he said O&Y remained committed to Canary Wharf, the Docklands office project that has so

far cost the company £1.4 billion to build and which urgently requires a further £100 million to complete the current building programme. "Canary Wharf is the jewel in the crown of the empire... It is the area where there is the most upside potential."

O&Y has £700 million of "equity" in Canary Wharf, although £450 million of that comes from a loan from four Canadian banks. Talks with that banking syndicate and with the ten-strong. European-led syndicate that provided a £500 mil-lion loan in 1990 are at the centre of talks in Toronto. Both syndicates are

First downturn for seven months

High street sales in March hit by poll worries

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

PRE-ELECTION blues contributed to a downturn in high street sales during March, the first for seven months, the CBI said.

Shopkeepers are gearing up for higher sales this month, in the belief that the removal of uncertainty and better weather will restore sales growth, needed to help Britain out of recession.

Their optimism is supported by a strong surge in business among wholesalers, whose level of activity is widely regarded as an important leading economic indicator. But car sales have yet to respond to the halving of car tax announced in the Budget. The year-on-year retail

sales decline during March was recorded by the CBI's distributive survey. It was the first shown by returns from the organisation's 15,000 wholesaling and retailing members since July, when confidence was at a low ebb.

Nigel Whittaker, the chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel, said: "We are bound to see ups and downs along the road to recovery. My expectation is that we will see a resumption of growth during April."

The survey, carried out be-tween March 13 and April 8,

showed an abrupt increase in

A SURGE of institutional

and foreign buying carried

share prices on the London

stock market towards their

The FT-SE 100 index clos-

ed at its best for the day, breaching the 2,600 level comprehensively, with a rise

of 39.7 at 2,540.2 in response

to impressive overnight gains

in New York and Tokyo. After

five days of consecutive gains,

the index is now less that 40

points shy of its record close of 2.679.6 in September last

year. It has risen 247 points

since the eve of polling last

Foreign investors now re-

gard London as one of the

cheapest markets in the world

and are looking to benefit

from the expected economic

revival. Turnover remained

high and by the close 829

million shares had changed

hands. The huge flow of busi-

week, or 10.3 per cent.

fied by Mr Whittaker as a promising pointer to econom-

ic recovery.

According to the previous survey, 11 per cent more wholesalers expected business to improve during March than expected it to worsen. The latest returns showed a balance of 43 per cent experienced increased trading volumes. "We have not seen figures like that for a year." Mr Whittaker said. A balance of 43 per cent of wholesalers expected a further rise in sales

during April. Optimism among retailers is now at its highest level this year. Seventeen per cent more expected business to get better than expected sales to worsen during April.

In March, a positive balance of 7 per cent had expected an improvement. But the survey found that on balance, 5 per cent more had seen things get worse.
The election had increased

uncertainty and depressed sales during March, Mr Whittaker said. However, two more significant factors were also at work. During March last year, sales of household goods, especially more expensive consumer durables, were inflated as consumers rushed to beat a 2½ per cent increase

By MICHAEL CLARK IN LONDON AND PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

ness has enabled market-

makers, who were running

level books in the run-up to

the election, to cover any

tivity among the institutions

has continued to be focused

on leading companies, in-

cluding privatisation issues

and the utilities, where dou-

ble figure gains proved

So far, the investment buy-

ing has failed to filter down to

the second- and third-line

companies, which make up

the bulk of the equity market.

Issues such as Thames

Water had slumped to 329p

in the days before polling, but

closed last night 10p higher

at 426p. Some investors have

begun looking for the market

to boil over, but the message

from several leading securi-

ties houses last night suggest-ed that the current bull phase

Dealers say that buying ac-

short positions.

commonplace.

business by wholesalers during March, a change identiin value added tax, to 7 per cent, which took effect on

In addition, Easter was earlier in the year, so the March figures benefited. At Easter, sales of goods associated with the holiday, such as chocolate eggs, are normally dwarfed by the rush to garden centres and DIY superstores.

Statistical factors alone, therefore, point to a resumption of year-on-year sales growth when next months's high street sales figures are unveiled

The CBI survey seems to suggest that consumers remain cautious about spending large sums. Motor car sales showed little response to cuts in the car tax, which should have reduced the showroom price of models by hundreds of pounds.

"Motor traders report that the slower annual decline in sales continued in March," the CBI said. Sales are expected to improve during April, but stocks remain too

With the annual August registration letter change only 312 months away, many would-be car buyers are likely to defer purchases. If consumer confidence has improved markedly, car retailers are unlikely to see the

still has a little way to run.

Government securities con-

tinued to attract support but

saw an earlier gain of around

Et at the longer end halved as

profit-taking developed.

Meanwhile in New York,

strong profits from America's

largest corporations contin-ued to power Wall Street to

record levels yesterday. In the

first three months of this year,

profits of Coca-Cola, the

world's largest drinks maker, jumped almost 20 per cent;

those from AT&T, America's

largest long-distance tele-

phone company, rose just over 16 per cent and IBM rebounded into the black.

Dow Jones industrial average

surged 32.19 to 3,338.32, up

almost 70 points in two days.

although slightly off best

By hunchtime yesterday, the



Getting better all the time: Rocco Forte says company profits, which slumped last year, are improving

War and recession take toll on Forte

WAR in the Gulf and the ca," Rocco Forte, chief rowing, which lifted gearing London hotels is measured by recessions in Britain and executive, said. He explained from 36 to 44.3 per cent. Mr the slump in profits from profits at Forte, the hotel and catering chain, in the year to January, from £190 million to £73 million.

As a result, the board must raid reserves to finance the dividend, which is maintained at 9.91p a share, with a 7.16p final payment.

"It's not every year you have a war in the Gulf and recessions both here and Ameri-

would have been higher but for the continued expansion and refurbishment.

Capital expenditure during the year was £240 million, financed principally by bor-

group's operations were al-

ready improving, even

though it may be 1993 before

Forte said he expected gear ing to be lower by the end of

Forte Hotels profits saw an

some, such as the London 8 per cent decrease in turnhotels, fully recover. over last year, which cut trading profits from £159 million Mr Forte said that profits to £75 million. Mainland Europe and the Middle East continue to grow, but UK provincial hotel demand re-

mains depressed. The extent of the decline in

men to 22.3 millior at The Savoy Hotel group, owner of the Berkeley, Claridge's and the Con-

naught, among others. The Savoy, which is majority-owned, but not controlled. by Forte, is paying un-changed 7p and 3.5p dividends respectively on A and B

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Shares soar but are still BT to shed another seen as bargains abroad 600 jobs

BY RODNEY HOBSON

BRITISH Telecom is to axe 600 international operators' jobs with the closure of four telephone exchanges by the end of 1993 as part of a rationalisation of operator services. BT has announced the loss of 10,000 operator jobs over the past year. BT hopes that the latest

cuts will be achieved through natural wastage and voluntary redundancies. Three of the centres are in London and one is in Brighton.

The Union of Communication Workers said the latest losses were higher than feared. Alan Tuffin, general secretary, said: "The speed at which BT are offloading their workforce is appailing.

The closures will leave five

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operator centres and three directory centres staffed by fewer than 17,000 operators. BT said the quality of its operator services was at an all-time high but that fewer

Tarmac feeling like a wounded lion

By MARTIN WALLER

TARMAC, Britain's biggest quarrying. nousebuilding and construction group. has denied any signs of a bidder circling, despite disastrous 1991 figures that saw pre-tax profits tumble from £190.7 million to £21 million and a heavily cut dividend. "We've had no approaches. There are no strange movements on our share register," Sir Eric Pountain, the chairman, said as the company's shares, buoyed by takeover talk of late, fell op to 139p.

Tarmac's final dividend is 2.5p, making a total of 5.5p against 11.25p last time, but even the reduced figure is not covered by earnings per share reduced from 16.7p to 0.2p. Sir Eric denied that the possibility of a bid had affected the

decision to set an uncovered payment. Tarmac has cut 5,000 jobs, or 16 per cent of the full-time workforce, over the past two years and is refusing to rule out more job losses this year.

Sir Eric conceded that the first half of 1992 would be difficult, as a spring upturn in demand had been derailed by the election. "We are a little bit like a wounded lion at the moment."

The group is being forced to retrench into three core divisions, quarrying, construction and housebuilding, while making asset disposals worth £200 to £250 million to reduce debt that grew to £457 million at the year end.

Neville Simms, appointed chief executive this year, refused to identify the areas to be sold, but they will come mainly from the American side. Pre-tax

profits were struck after exceptional provisions of £45 million. The construction side's share was £17 million, £12 million relating to the Channel tunnel, while an extra £10 million was provided against housing land values and rationalisation and contract loss provisions in the industrial products and building materials divisions cost £18 million. Tarmac made an exceptional profit of

E6 million from the sale of options on Eurotunnel shares. Brian Baker, the deputy chairman, said the company had not ruled out

another joint venture in building prod-ucts similar to the aborted link with Steetley that would have offered £10 million a year in cost savings.

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Tarmac licks wounds as bidder waits

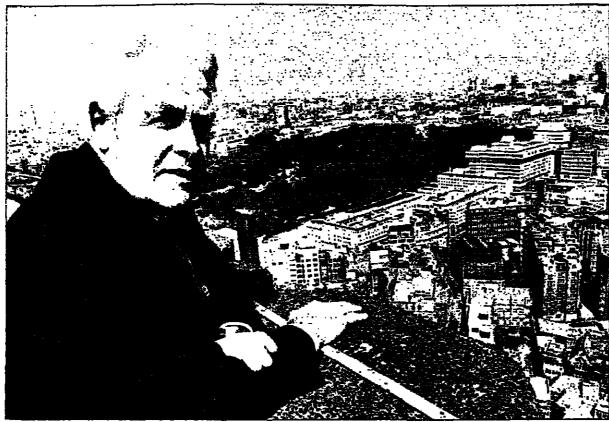
for the conceivable future and a price/carnings ratio well into the stratosphere, Tarmac remains about the clearest bid play on the stock market at the moment. Any investment stance can therefore only be based on a view on the eventual intentions of any putative bidders, includconcerns such as Minorco and Hanson, whose aims are always notoriously difficult to divine.

The horrors of the 1991 figures had been well signposted to the market. Tarmac having no interest in seeing any abrupt plunge in its share price encouraging an opportunistic approach. The dividend is more than halved to 5.5p and pre-tax profits have disintegrated from £190.7 million to £21 million, aided by £45 million of exceptional write-offs.

Borrowings stand at £457 million, up £45 million on the year and leaving gearing. on the most conservative measure, at 51 per cent. Tarmae needs to make asset sales from its American op-erations and the industrial and building products sides of £200 to £250 million at bottom-of-the-market values to repair the balance sheet and reduce gearing to 25 per cent - but the board concedes that this might not happen this year.

Net assets are in the £2 area but the share price. lifted by bid speculation from a low of 97p in December. is 139p after a 6p fall on vesterday's figures, a far cry from the 285p enjoyed almost two years ago. The company is cautious about prospects for the current vear, and Tarmac is probabl not going to do much better than the £60 million achieved before exceptionals in 1991, putting the shares on a forward multiple of about 30.

Sir Eric Pountain, the chairman, likens what was of distribution with earnings once Britain's greatest construction group to a Circle Industries must have



Unexciting outlook: James McColgan's Blue Circle Industries can only hope for the recession to end

wounded lion, but it looks more like some other great beast's lunch. The betting. however, must be that any potential predator will be tempted to wait a while and allow Tarmac to sort out some of its problems before closing for the kill.

Gamblers might like to chance the shares going no lower than they have. For other investors, it looks too

Blue Circle

AS A construction sector company that had just paid an unchanged total dividend of 11.25p and, more impres-sively, totally covered the felt aggrieved to see its shares shed their early gains to close 13p lower at 272p. Not that the board, under James McColgan, is doing much wrong: it is just that none of Blue Circle's busi-nesses looks particularly exciting at the moment Based on last year's earn-ings, the shares are on a historic multiple of around 20, which looks expensive given the prospects for recov-

BCI's problems are that the vital British and American construction markets are in deep recession, while the prospects for its expensively acquired home produets portfolio, including such names as Potterton Myson.

ery. A gross historic yield of 6.6 per cent provides only

Armitage Shanks and New World, do not look encouraging once the one-off benefits of rationalisation have worked their way through.

In Britain, where BCI has a 49 per cent share of the

cement market, the compa ny's cement volumes tracked the 17 per cent fall in the market overall, but fierce competition devastated mar gins. Operating profits fell from £68.1 million to £32.9 million after £8 million of largely redundancy-related costs, with return on capital employed dropping from 17.7 per cent to 8.8 per cent.

In America, where cement volumes fell 12 per cent, the E30 million acquisition of a South Carolina cement plant from Beazer actually in-creased volumes but both

operating profits, down 37 per cent to £11.5 million, and return on capital employed, down from 6.8 per cent to 3.9

There is no doubting the strength of the balance sheet. Even with a convertible capital bond included as debt. gearing is only 47 per cent while interest cover is 6.5 times. But assuming £130 million of profits this year, a price/earnings mul-tiple of over 18 makes the shares look expensive.

Forte

ROCCO Forte will hope that the record bookings taken by his UK hotels last weekend are a sign of things to come. Forte will have rejoiced as much as most over the

Conservative election victory, since not only would

many of its customers have been hit by Labour's tax plans, but its wage bill was also threatened by the mini-

mum wage proposals.
It can therefore reasonably expect the recovery now under way to accelerate. The question is whether it can pick up enough pace to justify its expensive rating.
At £73 million, a 62 per cent decline, pre-tax profits for the year ended in January were smack in the middle of the market's range of expectations, but there was relief in some quarters that the dividend, little more than half-financed by earnings, was held at 9.91 p. The in-ference is that business has

already improved sufficiently to promise a strong recovery. Earnings would have been stronger had not Forte been reluctant to curtail its investment plans in the teeth of the recession. Spending was 20 per cent down on 1990, even after stripping out the £300 million Crest acquisition, but still totalled £240 million.

Financing the expenditure

drove borrowings up. and iffied gearing more than 8 points to 44.3 per cent. This points to 44.3 per cent. This is hardly alarming and should reduce this year, but the interest bill surged by £19 million, to £107 million.

Meanwhile, the clearest message emerging on the recovery is that is not consistent. London batels, particular, and on batels, particular, and the control of the cont tent. London hotels, particu-larly badly hit as the Savoy Hotel result confirms, report improvements in Far East-

em and European bookings. Analysts' estimates are being reined in. Paul Slattery at Kleinwort Benson sticks with a gloomy £125 million, for 10.2p of earnings, how-ever, pointing out that it will rake 40 per cent growth over take 40 per cent growth over each of the next three years to restore earnings to their 1989-90 levels. At 249p. Forte sells for 12.5 times its expected 1994-5 earnings. The rest of the market has

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Property slump puts Helical Bar in red

HELICAL Bar, the property group run by Michael Slade, has reported a pre-tax loss of £6.5 million for 1991, compared with a £2.7 million profit in 1990. Most of the damage to the pre-tax figure was done by a £4.6 million provision against an office development on the City fringes. which was taken as an exceptional item. An external revaluation had shown property values to be almost unchanged on last year, but the provisions and losses reduced the group's net asset per share from 258p to 220p.

Gross property profits slid from £25.3 million to £16.3 million, as turnover slumped from E74.7 million to £31.2 million. The lower property profits failed to cover the group's interest charge, down sharply from £21.4 million to £16.7 million after £47 million of property sales reduced borrowings, and administrative costs, also lower at £2.8 million. The company said further reduction in interest and overheads could be expected this year. As a result of the losses, the final dividend has been cut from 7.6p to 1.6p. to make a total of 4n (10c)

TIP sells hire arm

make a total of 4p (10p).

TIP Europe, the trailer rental group, has sold the business and non-fleet assets of its loss-making CSL Truck & Trailer Hire subsidiary to Unilink Contract Hire for £1.7 million. The price equals CSL's net book value. Unilink, a subsidiary of Transport Development Group, has also leased the rental fleet. David Callear, TIP's chief executive, said the sale would release additional capital for the group's strategy of concentrating its resources on higher-margin activities. TIP shares firmed 1p to 52p.

Barlows pegs payout

BARLOWS, the property investment and development group, is maintaining its dividend despite full-year losses.

The Cheshire company, which slid into the red at the interim stage, reports a pre-tax loss of E339,000 for 1991 (£415,000 profit). Turnover dipped to £1.99 million (£2.08 million). The final dividend is maintained at 1.65p, giving an unchanged 2.475p for the year. There is a loss of 0.77p per share, against earnings of 1.23p a share last time. The net asset value fell 10 per cent to 85.2p (94.9p).

Airbreak flies higher

IN THE 12 months to the end of December. Airbreak Leisure Group, the tour operator, increased pre-tax profits from £710,000 to £1.63 million, exceeding last year's flotation forecast by almost 9 per cent. Earnings rose from 1.74p a share to 5.92p. There is a maiden dividend of 1.3125p a share, as forecast. The shares were unchanged at 60p, compared with a placing price of 25p last August. Bookings have increased significantly since the general

Waste firm up 52%

WASTE Management International, the non-American arm of the Chicago waste disposal group, has announced figures for the first three months of 1992 only a day after the shares started trading on the London Stock Market. Pre-tax profits rose 52 per cent to £27 million and earnings per share were 42 per cent higher at 5.1p. The float raised £405 million for the company. No forecasts were contained in the prospectus. The shares, floated at 585p, rose 7p to 655p yesterday.

Lasmo sells tankers

LASMO, the oil and gas company, is to sell three Suezmax 148,000 tonne oil tankers under construction in South Korea. Together with the previously announced sale of two bulk ore carriers, its net cash proceeds from the sales are estimated at \$125 million. The sales form part of Lasmo's Ultramar other than upstream oil and gas interests. Chris Greentree, chief executive of Lasmo, said plans to divest Ultramar's refining and marketing assets were progressing.

Golden Vale ahead

GOLDEN Vale, the Irish food and agribusiness group has begun to reap the benefits of last year's acquisitions. reporting earnings per share up 14 per cent at 8.54 Irish pence for the year to end-December. Turnover increased to Ir£295.5 million (£271 million) from Ir£209.7 million. Pretax profits were up 18 per cent at Ir£14.7 million after a more than doubled net interest charge of Ir£1.8 million. A final 0.94p (0.78p) dividend makes 1.36p for the year, a 19

Merrill Lynch soars

PROFITS of Wall Street stockbrokers and investment banks, already running at record levels, continued to climb in the first three months of this year. Merrill Lynch, America's largest stockbroker, reported a 53 per cent rise in first-quarter profits from \$181 million to \$277.5 million on total income up 24 per cent to \$2.2 billion. Primerica Corporation more than doubled first-quarter net profits to \$220.8 million. Profits of Charles Schwab, based in San

Newarthill plummets

NEWARTHILL, a civil engineering company owned by the McAlpine family, sank further into the red in the year to October. An exceptional loss of E25 million on a property joint venuure helped to take the pre-tax loss to £42.8 million, compared with a £6.2 million loss a year earlier. The one bright spot was a cut in interest payments, from £18 million to £12.9 million. Property writedowns caused an extraordinary loss of £33.4 million, against a £23.1 million curaordinary profit last time. There is no dividend.

IBM back in black

IBM, the world's largest computer maker, returned to the black in the first three months of this year, helped by costcutting and higher American sales. John Akers, chairman. said the world economic picture remained unpredictable but said the world economic picture remained unpredictable our the figures were encouraging. The shares jumped more than a dollar to \$88 in early trading yesterday. Net profits came out at \$595 million, compared with a net loss of \$1.7 billion for the same quarter last year. Sales totalled \$14 billion, up from \$13.6 billion.

Catch clauses in Libya sanctions may hit exporters

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

DIRECTORS and officers of British companies that trade with Libya face penalties of up to seven years in prison, or heavy fines, if they breach sanctions imposed by the United Nations.

The penalties, available to the courts under the Libya (UN Sanctions) 1992 order. maintain the onus on companies to police their sales on behalf of the government The Export Control Organ-

isation of the trade and industry department will seek to monitor compliance and guide firms as to their responsibilities. Although the sanctions have been designed to shut down Libyan Arah Airlines, halt arms sales to the country, and restrict us diplomats overseas, catch-all clauses could affect many of Britain's exporters to Libya The order, which came into

effect vesterday is loosely drawn It restricts the "provision to persons connected with Libya of technical advice, assistance and training in relation to the supply, manufacture, maintenance or use of arms and related goods".

The sale to Libva of any machinery for use in the manulacture of arms or ammunition is also prohibited. This imposes heavy responsibilities on manufacturers of socalled dual-use equipment. such as machine tools, which could have civil or military manufacturing applications.

Bruish expons to Libya are dominated by machinery of various kinds in the first ten months of last year. UK sales of machinery to Libya totalled 191.4 million Sales may be halted or reduced by Libya as a way of penalising the coun-tries putting sanctions into eliect. However, Libya's de ermination to impose such reverse sanctions" has yet to Efforts were made earlier

this week to place a Libyan aviation insurance risk in the London market. Accepting new insurance for Libyan aircraft, and supplying parts and services for them, have now been made illegal. It is understood that the

deal by Lonrho, the trading conglomerate, to sell a onethird stake in its five Metropole hotels in Britain to a Libyan state concern for £177 million, announced last month, will not be affected by the sanctions. The department of trade

said copies of the order would be available within days from HMSO branches Enquiries should be addressed to the department at Bay 552, Kingsoute House, 6/1-74 Victoria Street, London, SW1E



Up to the mark: the Bundesbank's Herr Schlesinger

Europe's bankers back German line

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

THE central bankers of the European Community are convinced that the Bundesbank, whose key lending rates were raised to record levels tough monetary policy.

Word of this support came from Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, after a meeting in Basle, Switzerland, of the committee of central bank governors of the Community. He said all members were "convinced that we are pursuing the poli-

The central bankers believe the world economy is showing favourable positive signs, including a levelling out of inflation in Germany and recovery in America. But it is understood that they see no pointers to monetary easing in Germany, or in economies closely linked to it.

The committee, which is preparing the ground for European economic and monetary union (EMU), issued its first annual report in con-junction with the Basle meeting: it underlines that gearing monetary policies to the at-tainment of stable prices is

"crucial" to paving the way for a successful EMU. The report notes that the Community's inflation per-formance last year was "disinflationary external conditions and weaker economic activity. Although average inflation slowed to 5.1 per cent from 5.7 per cent in 1990, it was still appreciably higher than in 1986-8. The committee notes that

lower overall inflation last year masked a substantial rise in Germany and The Netherlands. While lower inflation in Britain had greatly improved the overall picture. Budget deficits were "exces-

sively high" in a number of member states last year, leaving the average well above 4 per cent of gross domestic product, compared with the convergence target of 3 per cent required for a move to the final stage of EMU.

The report says there is an urgent need for many community countries to contain cost pressures due to excessive wage daims, to reduce budget delicits and make market forces more effective.

Haden MacLellan holds payout despite profit dive

By JONATHAN PRONN

HADEN MacLellan Holdines, the engineering group with interests in the UK and America, has yet to see any clear sign of an upturn" in its major markets, the company reported yesterday.

Philip Ling, the chairman, described pre-tax profits of £14.6 million, down 38 per cent, as "a creditable performance in the face of the continuing recessions on both sides of the Atlantic

The dividend for the year to

end-December is being held at 8p after a maintained 5p

final payout. The company's most severe problems were in America. where the automated manufacturing systems operations reported a loss of £1.8 million. But a £2.1 million loss by the Haden companies in Ameri-ca was partly offset by a profit from Smith Engineering, ac-

quired in 1990. Drypure, the company's patented paint waste recyding process, has also proved a disappointment and the Drypure processing centre in Toledo. Ohio, traded at a loss. The cost of closing the plant has been stated as a £2.5 million extraordinary item in the accounts, but a final decision on closure will not be taken until later this year.

Even if it remains open "it will be some time before any material returns are achieved from this investment," Mr Ling said.

Top performers were the European and Australian operations of the automated manufacturing systems divi-

sion, which reported profits of £9.9 million (£7.3 million). However. order levels have fallen back since the year end. The manufacturing divi-sion achieved "creditable" operating profits of £2.6 million compared with £5.5 million

The company said that manufacturing enquiry levels remain high, but this so far has not been translated into increased orders. Profits from distribution fell from £5.3 million to E4 million and the

level of activity this year re-

mains at last year's levels. The balance sheet showed net cash of E18.2 million at the year end. Capital expenditure last year was £8.2 million against depreciation of £6.1 Mr Ling said: "Everything

possible is being done to re-duce costs, whilst ensuring that the businesses in the group retain the infrastructure necessary to respond vigorously to the upturn whenever it occurs."

The shares ended the day unchanged at 120 p.

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Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, tried to place 60 million shares at 362p with institutions through a tentier offer as they had on Tuesday afternoon. They are believed to have found firm takers for up to 45 million shares, but seeded to find takers for the

SMITHS Industries, the

medical systems, aerospace

and industrial group, says it

is winning new defence or-

ders and that its net cash

balances stand at £95 million

In the half year ended February 1. Smiths recorded

sales of £307.4 million (£288

million), and made pre-tax

profits of £44.3 million (£50.7

million). The interim divi-

dend rises 5 per cent to 4.1p a

share. Roger Hurn, chair-man and chief executive, said.

profits from medical systems

rose by 17 per cent and indus-

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Profits from aerospace op-erations, however, fell by a

quarter to £18.2 million, re-

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INDUSTRIAL output in Ja-

pan, manufacturing power-house of the Asia-Pacific

region, suffered its first annu-

Eighties in the fiscal year that

ended last month, figures

from the ministry of interna-

tional trade and industry in

declined 0.4 per cent after expanding 5.6 per cent in 1990-1. The Miti forecast is

based on its latest estimate for

March Published govern-

ment figures show that indus-

trial production fell three

months in a row to February,

its worst decline for more

Jean Claude Paye, secretary

general of the Organisation

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E7.1 million to £8 million.

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entire 60 million on offer for the transaction to take place. Midland's share price fell 1p to 364p and Hoare withdrew the offer in the late afternoon.

BY NEIL BENNETT AND LULU YU

City again declines

Kuwaiti stake

Institutions shunned the tender offer since it was only 2p below the market price of 364p; many think a counter-bid is now unlikely and do not want to subscribe to shares in HSBC Holdings, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking group. Fund managers have been hoping for a counterbid from Lloyds, but Lloyds

gins of 10 per cent were ob-

tained in such circumstances.

space division have increased.

and though this involves in-

vestment in company-funded

development projects that de-

presses current profits, such investment will bear fruit in

the coming years, Mr Hurn

nomic recession and that the

group's low cost base stands it

in good stead when market

had been paved for a sound

economic recovery. He said

Japan and other key econe-

mies look set to emerge from

The OECD expects average

growth in its member coun-

tries to pick up to about 2 per

cent this year from 1 per cent

imports enabled western Ger-

many to bounce back into

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billion in February from a

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January, according to the fed-

☐ Final west German cost of

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4.8 per cent instead of the 4.7

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This compares with an annu-

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Japan expected to

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BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

Order books in the aero-

Smiths Industries

wins defence deals

shares yesterday rose 12p to 402p as the market began to appreciate the regulatory obstacles to a hostile offer.

A strong rise in HSBC's share price in Hong Kong since the bid was announced. however, has lifted the value of its bid for Midland. HSBC's offer, masterminded by William Purves, its chairman, is offering one share and one 100p bond for every Midland share. HSBC shares were trading in London at 291p yesterday, while gilt an-alysts estimated the value of the ten-year bond as up to 108p, giving a bid value to almost 400p, against the stat-ed offer price of 378p. Institutional investors.

however, have had mixed re-actions to the offer. One said: "This is not enough. I do not like the bonds since they will be dead money, and I am rel-uctant to vote in favour even if there is no counterbid." Others have been more pos-

itive. "The market has started to talk the price up in the hope of a potential bidding war, but the new bank will be a significant constituent of the FT-SE 100 index and we will want to hold the shares.". Meanwhile HSBC's offer

The medical division performed well in Europe and for the Midland group came North America and Middle as a shot in the arm for the East markets were stronger. Hang Seng index yesterday and it jumped 102 points, or Firm orders are now being 2 per cent, to 2986. The real generated from eastern star was Hang Seng Bank, Europe, Mr Hurn adds. Flex-HSBC's 61-per cent subsidible Technologies in America, iary. The local bank's share acquired last year, also made price soared HK\$2.50 to HK\$39, up 7 per cent. With HSBC poised to shift a significant contribution. Smiths says that it is successfully weathering the eco-

its headquarters and the bulk of its assets to Europe, Hongkong Bank's role as a quasi central bank is being called into question. The bank is sues 85 per cent of Hong Kong's banknows, acts as clearing house and is the deposit bank for the govern-ment's secret exchange fund, a fund used to maintain liquidity in the money market. TS Lo, economic adviser to China and a former adviser to the Hong Kong governor, said: The question to ask now is whether the bank is

still suitable to be a note-

issuer in Hong Kong."



Purves: mastermind

Banks give credit card riposte

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Credit Card Research Group, the bank-controlled pressure organisation, has hit back at claims by retailers that they are being over-charged on credit and debit card transactions. New data from the group show that Britain has some of the lowest credit card charges in Europe, and that they have fallen 30 per cent in the past five years. Britain's 1.6 per cent fees compare with a 2.2 per cent average in Spain and

2.15 in Germany. Banks are trying to impose increases on their charges for processing credit card sales, known as merchant acquisition, for retailers by 10 per cent, and are thought to want to raise the price of debit card transactions by even more. The move has provoked a stormy response from retailers, who say the banks are unilaterally trying to impose

the cost increases. BP is the latest to attack the increase. A spokesman said that the cost of running its 1,640 petrol stations will rise by £1.5 million and that it will have to pass on the increase to customers. "Increased bank charges could send pump prices up again, without providing one extra benefit for the motorist," said Chris Ensor, BP's technology manager. Retailers are considering taking action against the banks. Possible sanctions include dual pricing, where credit card customers would pay more, or even a boycott of plastic cards. The second option however is unlikely since cards now account for 40 per cent of all sales at many

"The retailers are getting carried away with their own rhetoric," said Elizabeth Phillips, the director of the card research group. "You never saw them handing money back to their customers when bank charges were coming down, but now they are threatening to pass on the

yesterday that, following complaints. duties are allowed under Gatt rules when unfair competition can be proved. American officials claim international steel subsidies amounted to £37 billion in the Eighties and say

> the industry's costs.
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> An EC official said recently that he believed Washington had simply bowed to pressure from the steel industry lobby in the run-up to the US elections. Inland Steel, one complainant, recorded its largest-ever loss last year - £151 million - and it plans to shed 3,500 jobs in the next three years. The accusations over steel reflect a growing suspicion in Brussels that, under intense domestic pressure, American politicians are

representative. "It's an imposing delegation," M Delors' spokesman said.

The talks will centre on attempts to jump start the near-moribund Gatt talks, with agriculture the focus. The steel issue only clouds the transatlantic trade war further; as well as agri-

sign any agreement. The American authorities will decide whether to go ahead with anti-dumping and countervailing duties on steel by May 4.



Tie Rack recovers to £1.03m profit

By PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARES in Tie Rack advanced by 9p to 40p after the specialist tie, scarf and accessories retailer staged a healthy recovery and pleased the City with a bounce in fullyear profits despite the difficult trading background.

Progress made in reorganising the American business, improved margins and a hefty reduction in interest charges enabled a surge in pre-tax profits to £1.03 million (E51:000) in the year to Roy Bishko, the chairman,

said that trading so far this

Industrial

output rises

in America

INDUSTRIAL output in

March, while the increase in

business sales the previous

month was the strongest for

ten months, the latest official

focus on the modest 0.2 per

cent rise in output in March

at the nation's factories,

mines and utilities, and the

downward revised 0.5 per

cent rise in February, as

evidence of the continued

data show.

improvement over the previous year. "We are holding quite firm in the tough market. All our shops are busy and our customer spend is up," he added. Average cus-tomer spend in London is now about £12 per head.

Sales grew by 1.3 per cent to £54.5 million, with the total number of stores up four to 257. However, likefor-like sales fell, reflecting the difficult conditions in the first half, which had been depressed by the Gulf war. Mr Bishko said four new shops have been opened

pected to rise to about ten. "One of the reasons we have come through the exceptionally difficult conditions is that our products are very good in terms of value. quality and design," Mr Bishko said.

Operating profits from UK operations declined to £2.84 million (£3.5 million), on turnover of £34.1 million (£33.7 milliom), while losses from the American operations were cut to £856,000 (£1.13 million). Restructuring and shop closure costs led to an exceptional charge of £504,000. Strong internal

est rates and the proceeds from last June's rights issue enabled interest payments to fall to £539,000, down from £1.75 million last time. The company had year-end net cash of £3.8 million.

Tie Rack has kept the pledge it made at the time of the rights issue and is paying a single dividend of 0.5p (nil) for the year.

Earnings stood at 1.99p a share, against a deficit of 1.79p a share last time. Mr Bishko said he viewed the

future with cautious optimism. "We are on the right

Anglo American deep gold mine will employ 5,000

BY COLIN CAMPBELL INING CORRESPONDENT

America posted its second ANGLO American Corporasuccessive monthly rise in tion, South Africa's largest mining group, is to develop a new deep gold mine at a cost of R1.7 billion (£335 million) in the north-western Orange

> Anglo's gold and uranium division, says the new operation - Moab - will have an estimated life of 25 years and produce about 13 tons of gold a view He is confident that it will be viable, even at the cuffent depressed level of gold prices.

About 26 million tons of ore

should be produced over the

life of the mine; it will be

milied at a recovery grade of

II grams a ton.
The holders of the mineral

rights are largely Anglo

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pany. Eastvaal Gold Hold-

ings, will be formed and a share listing sought on the

Johannesburg and London

stock markets. The shares in

Eastvaal will initially be held

by the mineral right holders (70 per cent) and by Vaal Reels (30 per cent).

Anglo yesterday an-nounced that the operating

costs of its Transvaal and

Free State gold mines were

contained well in the quarter to March 31, increasing by only 1 per cent. Available profit from all group gold mines fell in the quarter by 9

per cent to R167 million (R183.2 million).

ond largest mining group,

Gencor, South Africa's sec-

frailty of the recovery. In the four months to January, industrial output Modb is contiguous with showed no increase and Vall Reefs and will employ an estimated 5,000 people. Anglo's mines currently employ March output was still I per cent below the same month 162,000. Production at Moab is due to start in 1997.

The brighter picture pro-vided by a 1.4 per cent jump in business sales in February. while stocks held steady, roused hopes that demand will start to feed through into higher production soon. The commerce department re-ported an 0.9 per cent rise in business sales in January

Industrial production in March was boosted by a 2.1 per cent surge in output by the utilities, mainly reflecting a strong demand for energy arising from cold weather affecting much of the country. Factory output, in contrast, showed only a 0.1 per cent rise in March. Mining and oil production fell 0.2 per

Industry's capacity edged up to 78.1 per cent from 78 per cent in February.

The weakness shown in the industrial production figures, which are prepared by the Federal Reserve Board, probably prompted last week's signal that it wanted the key fed funds interest rate to be

says its Bracken gold mine is raising its interim dividend from ten cents to 20 cents and that dividends are maintained at Kinross (115 cents) and at Leslie (five cents). Unisel is cutting its interim dividend from ten cents to five cents and Winkelhaak, final dividend, now passes its

1992 interim dividend Profits after tax and capital expenditure at Gencor's gold mines in the quarter to March 31 were 45.6 per cent higher than in the December quarter, and were 34.8 per cent up on a year ago.

Sir Derek Birkin, chair-

man of RTZ Corporation, the world's largest mining group. and Robert Wilson, chief executive, say in their joint annual statement for 1991 that the former Comecon countries and sub-Saharan Africa could create new opportunities for exploration and devexamining available opportu-

nities but will move cautiously in view of the political, economic, environmental and legal problems," they add. Sir Derek's remuneration

was £461,562 (£454,837), which includes £254,899 for his work as chairman from last June 1.

Higgs cuts payout as profits disappear

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

HIGGS & Hill, the house building, construction and property group, has announced a deep fall into the red almost exactly a year to the day after it asked shareholders to support a £25 million rights issue.

The shares put on 4p to 88p in a rising market, compared with the 260p price of the two-for-seven rights issue

The company said that it had held back on investing the funds raised after it became clear that the "widely predicted recovery in the economy was not going to

The cash raised allowed Higgs & Hill to preserve its balance sheet strength and end the year with net assets only I per cent down at £88.6

Net borrowings at the December 31 year-end were E16.8 million, giving gearing of 19 per cent.

The loss before tax for the year was £16.7 million, compared with a profits of £6.8 million for the previous year. The damage was done by a slump in operating profits from E18.6 million to \$7 million and a £20.9 million exceptional item consisting mainly of property write

In the peak year of 1989 Higgs & Hill made pre-tax profits of £26.6 million.

Sir Brian Hill, the chairman, said that the results 'should be viewed within the context of the unprecedented adverse conditions imposed on our markets by the recession in the UK, which deep-

ened throughout 1991".
The final dividend is being slashed from 14p to 3p. giving a 9p payout for the year compared with 20p for

At the time of the rights issue the company forecast a maintained dividend. Payment of the dividend requires

reserves.
Sir Brian said that the proposed dividend "recognises the strength of the balance sheet and the importance of dividend income to

our shareholders". He added that the 3p final dividend, "together with an appropriate interim dividend, should be seen as the base for future payments".

Below the line net extraordinary costs of £7.5 million included the £3.8 million cost of closing the company's specialist engineering business and £4.8 for provisions and losses on disposals.

The sharpest fall in trading profits was seen in the construction division where profits fell from £8.3 million to

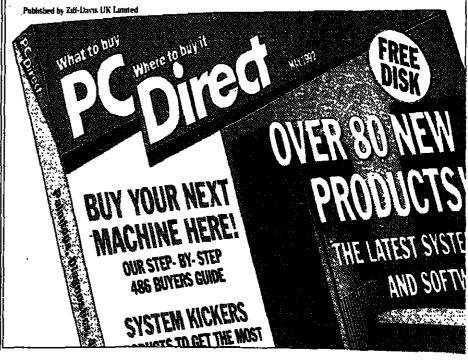
Profits from property were £1.3 million and from the housing sector £295,000.

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Delors criticises US selective steel duty threat

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission yesterday strongly criticised American plans to slap anti-dumping and countervailing duties on EC-made steel. and threatened to take the issue be-

fore Gatt authorities in Geneva. The argument over steel, in the grips of worldwide recession, has been likely to boil over since the start of the month when American trade officials refused to renegotiate a voluntary multilateral accord that has limited steel exports to America to

20.2 per cent of the market.
With trade in steel valued at £63 billion annually, and with the European industry in crisis, Jacques Delors, commission president, will attack Washington on its protectionist stance when he visits the capital next week. The commission revealed

the US Commerce Department and the International Trade Commission were planning protectionist mea-sures against selected steel companies from Britain, France. Germany and Brazil. These would include anti-dumping duties of 53 per cent against United Engineering. of Britain; 69 per cent against Usinor Sacilor and Ascometal, of France:

and 79 per cent against Thyssen and Saarstaal, of Germany. In addition, countervailing duties of 10 to 25 per cent would be added. "This would be a return to the harassment bitterly experienced by US trading partners in 1982 and 1984 and be clearly at variance with the public declarations of the United

States government emphasising the need to liberalise the steel trade." the commission said. Anti-dumping and countervailing

they have not been eliminated in Europe; they accuse Britain and Germany of paying at least 20 per cent of

rificing free trade principles.

During their trip to Washington

next Wednesday, M Delors and Anibal Calvaco Silva, Portugal's prime minister, will meet President Bush, Jaites Baker, secretary of state, Edward Madigan, agriculture secretary, and Carla Hills, US trade

culture, the two sides cannot agree on trade in services, and although an accord on civil aviation subsidies re-lating to the Airbus dispute was pro-visionally lorged two weeks ago, US negotiators have since refused to

STOCK MARKET

Buying wave sends equities soaring

FUND managers and foreign investors piled into the London stock market yesterday. Many now regard it as the cheapest in the world. A tidal wave of money sent shares and bonds racing ahead in the wake of big overnight gains in New York and Tokyo

and Tokyo.

The FT-SE 100 index closed at its best of the day, rising 39.7 points to 2.640.2.

This is the fifth consecutive day the index has risen; it has soared 247 points, or 10.3 per cent, since the eve of polling day last week.

The message from the Square Mile was that the bull market has further to run. Profit-taking might not set in until May, unless there is a sudden deterioration in the economic outlook.

Turnover was again high: 829 million shares were traded. Market-makers reckon strong two-way business has enabled them to deal with short positions and they forecast that high turnover levels will continue for some time.

Government securities again made headway but closed below their best after a few profit takers appeared. Rises of £½ at the longer end were halved by the close.

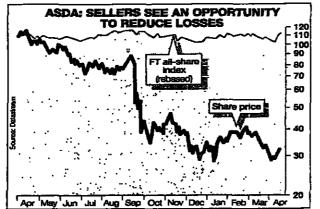
Fund managers' attention again centred on top 100 shares and other leading companies. The rally, however, shows few signs, at present, of filtering through to second- and third-liners.

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Among the leaders, ICl climbed 26p to £13.47.
Courtanids 21p to 571p,
Bowater 20p to 789p, P&O 16p to 474p, RMC 24p to 630p, Rank Organisation 17p to 759p, and Unilever 24p to 920p.
Midland Bank eased 1p to

364p. Unless a counter-bid is forthcoming, the £3.1 billion bid from Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is expected to succeed. Midland's share price stands 13p below HSBC's terms and the 60 million shares held by the Kuwait Investment Office still overhang the market after attempts to place them on Tuesday failed.

Other banks made head-

Other banks made headway; investors hope to benefit from portfolio reshuffling by institutions once the Midland deal goes through. Barciays hardened 8p to 334p, Lloyds 9p to 399p, National Westminster 6p to 317p. Standard Chartered 12p to 467p, and Royal Bank of Scotland 2p to 170p. Asda, the super-



market chain, firmed ½p to 31½p in hectic trading that saw 22 million shares change hands. Dealers said the price was showing signs of revival ket's overall strength to unwind their positions.

The utilities remained at top of fund managers' shopping lists. Both water and

Speculators are still trying to spot the next bid target, with Hillsdown Holdings, the food to furniture group, surging 16p to 192p on turnover of almost 7 million shares. Hillsdown is believed vulnerable — with its price down from a high of 270p in the past year. But some brokers remain sceptical, claiming the drop-off in profits growth may be enough to deter predators.

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after last year's dramatic fall and subsequent rights issue. There are still many sellers, however, who took up the rights at 35p. They hope to take advantage of the mar-

electricity companies have enjoyed significant revivals in their fortunes since the Conservative election victory. Anglian gained 3p to 418p. Northumbrian 6p to 434p. North West 4p to 420p, Severn Treat 10p to 384p, Southern 5p to 386p, South West 12p to 404p, Thames 10p to 426p, Welsh 1p to 435p, Wessex 12p to 463p, and Yorkshire 14p to 439p. Electricity distributors attracted selective support but

Electricity distributors altracted selective support but closed below the day's highs. Eastern was 5p better at 281p, East Midland 3p at 282p. London 5p at 320p, Midland 10p at 309p. Northern 6p at 316p, Sectoard 10p at 318p, Southern 3p at 292p, South Wales 20p at 356p, South West 14p at 320p, and Yorkshire 6p at

356p.

The electricity package climbed £74 to £3,138. The generators also climbed. National Power was up 2p to 219p, PowerGen 4p to 229p. Scottish Hydro 5p to 105½p. and Scottish Power 3½p to 100½p.

100½p.
Other privatisation stocks that rose included BT, up 3p to 344p. Cable & Wircless, 7p to 577p. Associated British Ports, 3p to 384p, BAA, 10p to 597p. British Airways, 11p to 279p. British Steel, 1½p to 73p, British Aerospace, 11p to 361p. and Rolls-Royce, 1½p to 169p.

tolls-Royce, 11p to 301p, and tax protolls-Royce, 11p to 169p. million
United Newspapers fin-

ished 4p better at 404p as one fund managers took advantage of the marker's strength to unload stock. Smith New Court and Cazenove jointly placed 2.3 million shares at 400p. Earlier this month. Conrad Black, the publisher, sold his 8 per cent holding.

James Wilkes, which re-

James Wilkes, which recently fended off a bid from Petrocon, was unchanged at 150p after speculative buying this week. Petrocon received acceptances totalling 35.9 per cent for its bid but now holds only 4.7 per cent of the shares. Petrocon fell 6p to

29p.

Tarmac, the building materials group, fell 10p to 135p after reporting a plunge in full-year pre-tax profits and cutting the total dividend by more than half.

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Smiths Industries, the aerospace group, responded positively to better than expected trading news, with a rise of 12p to 307p. A drop in pre-tax profits from £50.7 million to £44.3 million was

less than expected.

Forte, the hotel and leisure group. was steady at 250p after reporting a drop in pretax profits last year of £117 million to £73 million.

MICHAEL CLARK

TOKYO

Nikkei breaks through 18,000, then subsides

SHARES closed sharply firmer but off highs in futures-dominated trade, and the Nikkei index could not maintain the 18,000 level it regained in the afternoon. The 225-share market average ended 508.43 points, or 2.92 per cent, higher at 17,948.01, with an estimated 350 million shares traded.

Bargain-hunting for blue chips also helped to raise prices but investors remained wary, brokers said. There was buying back of issues oversold in last week's plunge. The Nikkei is up 1,349.86 points. or 8.13 per cent, from Thursday's 16,598.15 low.

The gains are bringing out profit-takers, however. "Industrial Bank of Japan is up 40" per cent from intra-day lows to highs, and there's a limit to how much a big issue like that can rebound in a

week," a foreign broker said.
Investors are still worried that
the market will slump again,
but foreigners and institutions have started to build up
positions in blue chip issues
that held steady or even rose
last week.

☐ Hong Kong — Despite profit-taking at about the 4,960 level on the Hang Seng index, the index closed 102.58 points higher at 4,986.11.

☐ Singapore — Shares closed mostly higher on buying triggered by sharp gains in Tokyo and Wall Street but many investors stayed on the sidelines, unconvinced by the direction of the market.

The 30-share Statis Times index jumped 17 points to 1,394.32. Trading volume remained low at 31.7 million shares and gainers led losers by 162 to 46.

Euphoria propels the

Dow to record level

AMERICAN blue chips rose to a new high in morning trading as the market grew cuphoric after making strong gains during the past four sessions. "Enthusiasm is running high because the market is at new highs," said George Pirrone, a senior trader at Dreyfus Corporation.

Towards the end of the

morning, the Dow Jones industrial average had risen 22.13 points to 3,328.26. Advances led declines by about two to one. However, analysts said stocks would be vulnerable to profit taking.

vulnerable to profit-taking.
Newton Zinder, of Lehman
Brothers, noted that the Dow
was the only market index to
reach a record high on Tuesday. He expects some correc-

their ascent. Larry Wachtel, of Prudential, agreed. "I think we'll go higher after a pause," he said. Mr Zinder said the Dow benefited from support between 3,260 and 3,270 but faced resistance in the mid-3,300s.

tion before shares resume

☐ Frankfurt — Dollar strength, a record Wall Street close on Tuesday and higher share prices in Tokyo pulled German shares higher on the penultimate trading day before the Easter break. The Dax index ended 11.26 points up at 1.743.79.

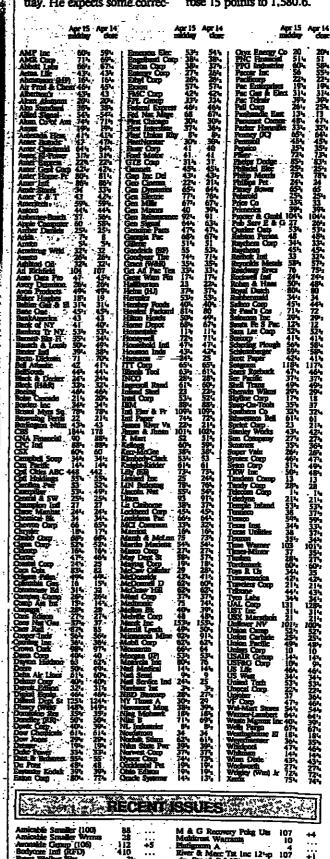
☐ Sydney — Share prices closed near their day's highs, encouraged by overseas markets. The all-ordinaries index rose 15 points to 1,580.6.

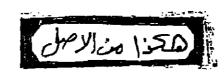
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ince the election, money market interest rates have begun to edge in favour of a cut rather than the precautionary rise they were signalling. If, however, Norman Lamont had turned his face expectantly to Europe's banking elders, hoping perhaps for some encouraging signals to help him deliver an Easter push to economic confidence, he would have received only a stern slap. The annual report of the committee of EC central bank governors, taken with their obiter dicta, confirmed worst fears about the ERM.

Lower interest rates should not be expected, they said. Their reasoning, however, seemed to bear almost solely on the shocking lapses of Germany and the Netherlands, hitherto the Batman and Robin of European monetary rectitude. Inflation may have eased marginally from 5.7 per cent to 5.1 per cent last year across the Community, but it had got worse where it mattered. Governments' borrowing had risen too high, wage claims were excessive and lower interest rates were likely to conflict with efforts to keep prices under control.

That does not look much like a picture of Britain this spring. The unpleasant vision is aimed squarely at trade unions in Germany, where the most powerful public sector union is about to ballot its members for strike action to break the Federal government's patchy resolve to steer settlements into line with inflation. Sterling may have gained half a dozen pfennigs but that does not greatly improve Mr Lamont's room for manouevre on interest rates. A cheering half point cut still looks feasible, but this is a matter of paring the already modest premium in sterling over mark rates. Steering the pound into the narrow band of the ERM would have similarly modest objectives. Mr Lamont may wait until the Bundesbank has finished its glaring match with the unions and might be pressured to ease policy.

If only Bundesbank virtue is to carry reward, however, the obverse will surely apply the nearer we approach monetary union and the more convinced markets become that sterling and franc parities are there to stay. Mr Lamont may be tempted to tip the wink to Michael Portillo, his chief secretary, that a sternly dry mien in the face of public spending demands need not be backed by tough action, any more than before the election.

Fine judgment

The failed efforts of the Kuwait Investment Office to bale out of Midland Bank shares, before the Honkong Bank group has even produced its formal offer document, have caused some puzzlement. The most straightforward and likely explanation is that its placing terms are pitched too finely. The KIO shares appear to have been on sale at a discount of only about 4 per cent of the value put on the HSBC bid, hardly mouthwatering given the length of time which may be required to consummate the marriage and the risk if anything should go wrong. The new government will probably see no reason to block the bid. Few competition issues are involved and HSBC's plan to move domicile to London, where it will come under the regulatory eye of the Bank of England, should avoid any objection from that quarter. With a fair wind, buyers of KIO's shares could still be out of cash for up to 6 months. possibly leaving only a penny or two of profit on the deal, which is scarcely worth the trouble and

What the attempted sale does indicate is that the canny men at KIO have no faith whatsoever in a higher offer from Hongkong Bank or of the much vaunted counterbid from Lloyds. They are usually not bad judges of horseflesh.

In hindsight, it has been a bad year for predicting the future

Colin Narbrough says most of the economic soothsayers have failed

dismally to point British industry in the right direction

he past 12 months have been bad for opinion polisters and economic forecasters. Both went badly astray in their own specialised field of soothsaying but will undoubtedly survive the ignominy. What of the consequences? In one case they will almost certainly prove to be of fleeting significance as election memories fade. In the other, real damage has been done to business confidence and willingness to invest in

plant and equipment.
The recession has been lengthened and perhaps even deepened by the collapse in confidence towards the end of 1991 when the longforecast recovery failed to put in an appearance on time. The prudent businessman rightly decided that he would believe in recovery only when he could touch and see it personally. There are no boardroom accolades for executives who invest into a black

Last year, there was a near unanimous view from the forecasters that Britain's economy was turning the corner after the guns fell silent in the Gulf. Wrong. Whether their economic models were demand-based, more monetarist in their approach (like some City analysts) or a mixture of the two, the forecasters, with a few honourable exceptions, boldy led businessmen into the wilderness of phantom upturns.

Whatever factors political analysts eventually credit for the government's election victory, you can be sure they will not include skill at economic forecasting. For months the main interest in economic signals was as a factor in the election rather than as any reliable guide to the poor businessman wondering whether he should prepare for renewed expansion or apparently endless recession. The figures even failed the policymakers.

Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Gover-nor of the Bank of England, made plain, in his Durham lecture in 1990; that official misinterpretation of the economic data was a reason why policy failed to pick up the sharp acceleration in inflation in the late Eighties. "We put the brakes on when the speedometer indicated we were doing 60 mph. Some time later it said we were doing 55. When the tachograph was opened, however, it revealed that we had actually been doing 70 when the speedometer read 60. Mr 1.ei Pemberton said. A hard pull of the monetary reins pushed the base rate up to 15 per cent, ultimately produc-

If the Bank of England and the Treasury, with their econometric models employing statistical and mathematical methods to verify and develop economic theories, failed to spot the inflationary threat, it is

CITY DIARY



Anyone's guess: Mr Lamont's green shoots wither, while the Bank bumps along the bottom

hard to imagine how most firms could be expected to foresee the dramatic deterioration in economic conditions as boom turned to bust. The sheer cost of economic analysis and prediction puts it beyond all but the authorities, the largest companies and financial dealers and academically oriented research institutes. Most firms have to rely on official or City forecasters to provide the big picture against which they

must gauge their options.

Macro-economic forecasting is without doubt difficult, especially in an open economy such as ours. Colin Robinson, professor of economics at the University of Surrey, points out in his foreword to The State of the Economy 1992, that those seeking to predict macroeconomic events are "significantly in error most of the time". This shortcoming is, furthermore, the focus of public attention at actual or supposed turning points in the

Professor Robinson, who notes that the past year has been particularly bad for forecasters, argues that the past has proved an "extremely imperfect" guide to those trying to the predict the response of consumers and investors after a long period of growth and structural change in the Eighties. His hope is that such a chastening experience will lead forecasters to adapt their methods to the changed economic regime.

In an illuminating article in its Quarterly Bulletin last August, the Bank of England said its econometric model had been altered considerably over the Eighties to reflect important changes in the way the economy operates, specifically citing City deregulation as an example. Inaccurancies in data had been a "major and increasing source of actual or apparent forecast error," it

conometric modelling was not condemned. Indeed, the Bank concluded that the "importance attached to modelling and forecasting as a discipline for coherent analysis of economic questions has not diminished". It underlined, however, that the quality of basic economic data was crucial to accurate forecasting and that it shared the concern of the i reasury, the Commons treasur and civil service committee, and outside users over the deterioration in quality since the mid-Eighties and the importance of steps to im-

prove it. The speed at which the Treasury has shifted ground during the recession would suggest an urgent need for improved data collection and forecasting techniques. John Major admitted in November 1990 that Britain was in recession, but assured us it would be the briefest and shallowest downturn on record. In the event, the 0.5 per cent growth officially predicted for 1991 turned out to be a contraction of 2.4 per

Only last November, as the "green shoots" of recovery hopes withered, Mr Lamont was still expecting a fall of 2.1 per cent. As the Bank of England predicted last summer, we are still bumping along the bottom.

A feature of Treasury behaviour

last year was its attempt to align its views more readily with current consenus in the City and academia. Defenders of the Treasury's record recall that the consensus forecast for GDP at the time of the last autumn statement was a contraction of 2.2 per cent. Some individual forecasters were more accurate, but most were over-optimistic.

Despite the risk that forecasters ier ine proiection of the nero and seek to stay with the consensus view. many business folk, corporate planners, company treasurers and fund managers invest a great deal of trust in consensus data. David Kern, chief economist at National Westminster Bank, chairs the Society of **Business Economists forecasting** group. The panel produces a forecast twice a year, and annually

contributes to a more consensual survey that includes the views taken by economists from the City, the Treasury and economic institutes.

Mike Sykes, editor of Consensus Economics, makes no secret of the fact that the 35 forecasting institutions his publication covers were fairly wrong" in 1990-1. More reliable than the consensus, or quasi-consensus, approach are the surveys, such as those produced by the Confederation of British Industry, the Association of British Chambers of Commerce or business information companies.

Based on responses from large samples of companies to questions on actual and expected performance, they have tended to track the path of the ups and downs of the economy with considerable accuracy. The October CBI trends survey soured hopes of recovery last year. Andrew Sentance, head of economics at the CBI, emphasises the value of getting a fix on what is currently happening in the

or businesses, an accurate picture of the economy is important for budgetary purposes. According to Dr Sentance, "a forecast affects the way you err". But he does not underplay the importance of a firm's own ability to foster success. As to the quality of forecasts in general in recent years, he believes the problem lies more with the volatility of the British economy than with analysts. Another problem is the over-focus on short-term forecasts to the neglect of the medium-term.

Nick Boucher, head of strategic planning at Glynwed, the engineering group, is openly dismissive of forecasts, as he believes that nobody can predict more than nine months ahead with any accuracy, "It would be exceedingly foolish for any company to rely on any economic forecasts," he said. Apart from certain sectors, where companies have to look far ahead, he thinks companies are better served by generating their own business and reacting to market currents. Instead of vesting hope in forecasts, Dr Boucher favours 'scenario-planning" to establish how the company will react to a range of possible developments.

Richard Freeman, chief economist at ICI, the chemical group and beliwether of Britain's industrial health, produces in-house forecasts with his team, a luxury only the biggest companies can afford. While a follower of CBI surveys, he uses partly model-based forecasts for the chemical industry for which macroeconomic forecasters produce inade-

At the other end of the scale, Stan Mendham, founder of the Forum for Private Business, a lobby group for small business. sees little merit in forecasting. Small firms, highly susceptible to change in the environment, simply need economic growth and monetary stability to thrive, he says. The vast majority of Britain's small firms, and many larger companies too, still appear to fly by the seat of their pants and are largely reactive, with little time for economic forecasts - good or bad.

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Inns and outs of rent row

BARRISTERS may have lost

their monopoly on advocacy rights, but in one area at least they are managing to hold competition at bay. Top law-yers in the Inns of Court have faced eightfold increases in rent over the past decade to pay for repair work that they claim their predecessors neglected. Now, they have re-belled en masse. They have drawn the line at paying a "competition premium" for the privilege of having chambers within the prestigious Inns of Court. The Inns claim that a premium is warranted for being in the environs of Gray's Inn and the Temple. The lawyers, however, including Michael Jefferis, the Lincoln's Inn barrister, argue that the Inn has a duty to provide accommodation for its members and, therefore, has no right to set market prices that reflect the competition for space. Plans have now been changed and the precinct premium" will be phased out. This change should mean a reduction in rents — currently up to £46 a sq ft within the Inns, compared with £20 outside — but a dispute over the size of the reduction still rages. The lawyers are demanding a reduction of 20 per cent while the Inns are offering 2.5 per cent

Asking for funds

THE charity "Just Ask". which looks after abused and homeless young people in London, is yet another casualby of Friday's bomb blast in the City. It moved into new premises in Bishopsgate at

the end of March, behind the Baltic Exchange, only to have all its windows blown out and the top floors of its building badly damaged by the explo-sion. Just Ask, which had been given three years' rentfree accommodation by Legal & General, now faces a substantial bill for repairs at a time when funds are tight. Davina Lilley, a director, is appealing for donations. Meanwhile, she was yesterday seeing young clients for business as usual. "We'll carry on working in and around the workmen." she says

Hands-on lesson MENTION to the Abdullah brothers, Raschid and Os-man, that you are thinking of leaving the City and going into business and you had better be prepared for the consequences. Rupert Lewin, corporate finance director at Robert Fleming, the Abdul-lahs' broker, did just that and found himself wafted from the luxury of Copthall Avenue to SI Industries, a loss-making manufacturer of beer coolers in east Croydon. The Abdullahs acquired SI as part of Starmin, their new, fully quoted, quarry company, which, they hope, is set to repeat their impressive growth record at Evered in the Eighties. Undeterred by his inauspicious surroundings, Lewin, 36, has now been turning SI round since last July and will receive his reward as part of a buyout worth more than £1 million. which should eventually leave him owning 50 per cent of SI's shares. Lewin, following the example set by the Abdullahs, now hopes to establish



"The soup is off — the dividend is still on."

Rueful Russell

eventually take public, and says that the opportunity given to him by the Abdullah prothers has been invaluable. "If I'd gone straight into a public company without this hands-on experience, I'd probably have come a crop-

IT MIGHT have turned out to be a better year for the stock market than the City had feared, but for Richard Russell, BZW director, employed on the firm's sterling bond side, it has already been a year he would rather forget. Russell, 44, a keen amateur jockey, is all but recovered from an accident he suffered at Ludlow in February - he fractured his jaw and several vertebrae when the rest of the field trampled on him - and has been advised not to ride again until the end of May, a date that coincides with the end of the season. "It's very frustrating." Russell says. "I've ridden over 50 winners and I was the leading hunter chase rider in the country last season." His frustration is his own vehicle, which he can

heightened by the fact that he fell only five days into the start of the season, which begins on February 1. At one stage, his injuries were so debilitating that he was forced to miss the annual Wedd partners reunion dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club, a spirited affair organised by Robert Wilson Stephens, TA major and former Wedd partner, otherwise known as "Major Woof Wool" or "the rhino" because of his stature and not, his former colleagues assure me, the thickness of his

ONE City of London bomb

casualty, albeit indirect, has

Holiday casualty

been Andrew Fleming-Williams, managing director of Winterthur Insurance (UK). He had to cut short his skiing holiday to sort out his company's accommodation prob-lem. Winterthur's offices, located on the fourth floor of the Commercial Union building, were wrecked in the explosion. He says: "Broken furniture, shattered glass everywhere, filing cabinets turned over, rain pouring in. a real horror story. ! now need 6,000 sq ft of City space in a hurry. Fortunately, there's quite a lot of it about." He adds that, at Geneva airport on Monday, as he awaited his return flight, he spotted Sir Richard Rogers. the architect, among the passengers, and asked him how his controversial Lloyd's of

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London building had fared.

Rogers expressed consider-

able surprise. He had been so

busy haring down pistes that

he was totally unaware of the

BUSINESS LETTERS:

Shopping around for a good deal

From Mr M. J. Holden Sir. So Mr Malpas of Tesco considers that "consumers in this country get an astonish-ingly good deal compared with their counterparts of the

Continent" (April 8). My personal experience does not support his contention. In the year prior to my departure from Belgium my housekeeping bills were £3,900; for the year following my return to the UK they were £3,600. I would not call a difference of £300 "an astonishingly good deal", and it has been achieved only by altering my shopping pat-

tern. In the first three months following my return to the UK I was spending 5 per cent more than in Belgium where I bought almost all my food in supermarkets. I no longer do so but shop around. In particular, I find that fruit and vegetables are often up to 25 per cent more expensive in UK supermarkets than in Norwich city market and the choice and their quality much worse in UK than in Belgian

supermarkets. Yours faithfully, M. J. HOLDEN. 15 Princess Beatrice Close,

Plea for justice over Abbey shares

From Ms Rose Clouts

Sir, I was heartened to read the letter from Mr Michael May (April 9) regarding your report on the unclaimed shares following the Abbey National stock market flotation.

I was one of those members who were unfairly treated. My husband was knocked down by a car and died as a result of his injuries on April 18. 1989 and, as a result, I. as second joint holder of two accounts with the society, did not receive any free shares. Nor was I permitted to purchase the minimum of 100

shares offered to other mem bers before the general flotation. All my efforts to obtain fair treatment prior to the conversion date, including a personal appeal to the chairman of the board, were to no

Subsequent attempts have been equally unsuccessful. Perhaps, as Mr May so rightly says. Abbey National should try to correct such obvious injustices. Yours faithfully ROSE CLOUTS. 506A Finchley Road,

An odd sign of the times for business

From Mr H. J. Belsey Sir, Isn't it odd that an increase in personal indebted ness should be seen as an encouraging business sign? Yours truly, H. J. BELSEY,

4 Bromley Lane, Chislehurst, Kent.

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artners in accountanfirms used to be like aristocratic grandees, the masters of all they surveyed. Now, however, they are incre singly like cabinet ministers with executive powers but only precari-

faces do not fit

ous tenure on their jobs. The past few months have seen growing numbers of partners being dicarded by their firms as the recession cuts into profitability. This is not simply a matte of shrinking the size of firm to reflect a contraction in workload or pressure on fees.

Many firms, bon medium and large, are using the reces-sion to dispense with weaker partners or those deemed not to be performing to standard. In doing so, they are high-lighting the gap between the proprietorial and managerial roles of partners. I used to be enough to own a slice of a firm to have a job quaranteed for life. But the progressively corporate style of ecountarcy firms has put that privilege under pressure.

For example, Nash Broad Wesson, a 17-partner firm in the West End of London, has recently introduced a sophisticated management report-ing system called "Fair Shares for All", which tracks individual partner activities and provides, is effect, a sanction on driwings by those who are not berforming to standard. Piter Parr-Head, the senior partner, said: "Partners now operate to very tight disciplines. And for the firm as a whole we have taken the opjortunity of today's economy to get rid of

Among the larger firms there have also ben casual-



ties, aithough in some cases these have been more on the management consultancy side than on auditing.

John Hayward, who runs the London practice of Price Waterhouse, said: "In the 1980s, making partner was regarded as being a terribly secure situation. Now we have to ensure that we are really certain of the quality

standards we apply."

Because of the increasing cross-border integration of the business. PW is now undertaking work to try to ensure common partner standards across Europe. Because of its size, London has traditionally been a source of partners for offices elsewhere in

Europe in need of management talent. In part, this also helps to ease the bottleneck pressure on partnerships from the rising generation of accountants and management consultants. By itself, however, this is not enough to create room for rising talent. As a result, PW has a system According to Bob Simm, of of early retirement which, in

'fair to both sides". Age does not necessarily diminish performance, but as one leading accountant with a big firm commented: "The technical demands are now much greater than they used to be and things are changing so fast that you really need to be on the ball to keep up."

John Hayward's words, is

Many of the big firms have deliberately severed the "own-ership" link between individual partners and clients in order to strengthen the feel-ing that the client belongs to the firm. This has not encouraged partners to feel indis-

KPMG Peat Marwick, however, the market is now too tough to allow for any complacency. "Price sensitivity and value for money is the biggest issue facing firms — the question of survival is now on the agenda," he says.

Good management now dictates a change in approach to partnership. "We moved into a performance based culture and partners cannot be exempted from that. Moreover, you cannot pull up the drawbridge on partnership for younger people, so you need to be able to restructure to free up opportunities and encourage older partners to take up outside interests."

So partnership is no longer a sinecure. On the contrary, it now means you have to run even faster to keep up. People who thought themselves independent professionals now find, like any employee, they have to please employers whose opinions on what makes good performance might be very different from

Halfway down the path to change

THE focus on the accounting profession is unprecedented and there is growing concern on the part of toth public

The debate has two broad strands, the "constitutional" issues, for example, self-regu-lation and the auditor's role in corporate governance, and the "expectation" issues. Both strands are ritical, but it is the profession's re-sponse to the "espectation" issues that cause most pub-

The term "expectation gap" originally referred to the gulf between what the auditor believes he delivers and what the use believes he receives. More recently, the concept has widned to embrace most of the perceived shortcomings is financial reporting.

There are, of course, many "gaps". What are they, what has been achieved and what remains to be done?

The Eighties closed with almost universal accord that financial reporting had reached a nadir. Vital areas d reporting

were not covered by stan-dards, rules that did exist were liberally interpreted. "creative accounting" abounded and comparability ausinesses between thwarted. The omens for successful

reform are good. The Accounting Standards Board has set itself at ambitious programme an important issues, such as he presentation of earning and guidelines for management commentary and inalysis of results, are at tie top of its agenda. The review panel has flexed its muscles with the public admonshment of some big listed companies and the urgent issues task force has begut to fill in some of the gals. What we now await is eidence of a real change of cimate in re-

porting from industry. Few issues have shocked users more than to discover in the aftermathof financial collapse or sudjen turn of fortune that the business lacked an adequite information system anl/or proper systems of internal financial

control. Little wonder hat there is growing demand to require listed companiesto maintain adequate information systems and a proper system of internal financal control and for directors to tell

Raymond Hinton examines the state of play in reforms to close the expectation gap

shareholders, based on the auditor's review of the sys-tems, that they are satisfied

controls. Subject to accord with business on what constitutes an adequate management information and control system, the profession is broadly ready to review and report publicly. The final irapetus must come from government.

with the systems and

Few would argue with the need to establish and enforce the highest standards. Here, much remains to be done. While the profession has long been required to apply demanding standards, the examinations of failed businesses occasionally suggest. either directly or by implica-tion, some defect in audit procedures. The observer is frequently left with at least circumstantial evidence that

Yet while demanding standards are vital, most audit failure arises not from a lack of established standards but from human failure. Real quality and a more immediate response to the critics can come only from individual firms.

standards are wanting.

A key factor is the attitude and approach of partners. Greater scepticism, more willingness to challenge and some shift from the presumption that all management is honest are needed. In addition, the risk of audit failure would be greatly reduced if the procedures for the audits of listed companies included thorough consultation within firms of both reporting and auditing issues: oversight of the en-gagement by a second partner (to advise and concur); auditor involvement with interim statements and a move from the retrospective review of transactions to more con-

tinuous auditing. As to auditing standards, the profession's determination to elevate standards is less convincing. While financial reporting has been adequately funded and resourced, the Auditing Practice Board is much less well able to address its backlog and keep pace with new

In addition, the respective

developments.

institutes appear determined to pursue their own auditing initiatives. This imbalance and duplication should be addressed urgently by the professional bodies. Few issues are more emo-

tive than auditor allegiance. Legally, the audit remains part of the process whereby shareholders review the stewardship of management. In contrast, society and, increasingly, government, believe that the audit is of much wider public interest. Such public interest would include all of the current and prospective users of financial statements and include not only shareholders, but em-



Hinton: swift response

ers, banks and other providers of funds. It would also include the many regulatory, governmental and quasi-gov-ernmental bodies that have relationships with companies.

The profession is fearful that any extension of its duty of care could lead to financial catastrophe in the event that the audit is found wanting. Here, there is a big dilemma for all concerned. Politically, the profession must recog-nise and respond to the wider public interest, but it will not survive economically if it accepts an expanded role without first obtaining some form of legal protection. This could take the form of a change in the law to permit the courts to apportion damages and enable the auditor to limit his liability in line ith most other businesses.

While it is quite clear that the responsibility for pre-venting fraud rests with management, it is common ground that the audit should afford a reasonable expectation of detecting material fraud. The professional guidance is unequivocal on this and specifies when and how to report to management, shareholders and third parties (in the public interest). Yet many issues remain.

By far the most important is whether the auditor should positively look for fraud, thereby abandoning the assumption that management is honest. A tilt in this direction is gathering support subject to reasonable cost. Other difficult issues are highly sophisticated and col-lusive fraud, less material fraud, practices that might border on fraud and illegal acts. And, most importantly, should disclosure be made irrespective of the strict issue of "public interest" and to

be addressed urgently by the profession and government. The respective responsibilditor and the audit process and the assurance it provides have long been clouded in unnecessary mystique. The mystique should be urgently cleared. The profession has concluded that the respective responsibilities and the nature of the audit process can be best conveyed in an ex-panded auditor's report. Few

whom? These issues need to

would quarrel with this. The current focus affords unparalleled opportunity for change. The response of the profession and government should be swift where users' expectations are clearly reasonable, practical and of undoubted benefit to society.

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Opening Europe to competition

EUROPE has long been the greatest challenge for the accountancy profession. The global accounting firms have formed alliance after alliance with firms across Europe. These have stuck in some cases. shifted in others. At times, in the mid-Eighties, the overview of which firm was linked with which bore more resemblance to diplomatic activity in the days when the Schleswig-Holstein question was uppermost in people's minds than important business

Now that the period of frantic scrabbling for position and market share has died down, there are other questions to be faced. The main one is how far there is serious competition and freedom of access to the market when six large firms dominate the market, with a smattering of second-tier

groupings picking up the scraps.

This prompted DG IV of the European Commission to ask National Economic Research Associates (Nera) to produce a report, which has now been published, on

It must have been a difficult task. The European accounting profession is far from homogeneous. In each country, accountants

fulfil different tasks and dif ferent needs under very different legislative responsibilities. The United Kingdom is the largest in terms of qualified members, Luxembourg the smallest. Paradoxically, these two countries also have the highest number of accountants per head of population. The UK with 173,174 has 780 accountants per million population. Luxembourg with 325 has 860 per million. That sort of extrapolation shows how hard any real comparisons are. So what Nera did was my to concentrate on the larger firms and assess how far the small numbers of significant firms really harmed competition. In this, it was further hampered

by different approaches to rules and laws within the EC. A significant point in the argument over whether the UK should ban audit firms also doing management consultancy work for audit clients is that such a ban exists in other parts of Europe.

As the report makes clear, a ban might exist as a legal principle but the practicalities are very different. A ban exists in Italy and France and so, as you would expect, Nera learnt from its formal requests for information that "the question of audit-consultancy links was not applicable in their case". It was a different story when it came to detailed interviews. Tactfully, Nera says that "judg-ing from the comments made to us during interviews with the accounting firms, we would doubt that these regulations work so well as to deny these links altogether".

The report's overall conclusions state bluntly that "even where there are regulatory obstacles to prevent the links between statutory audit and other services these are Italy) largely avoided by the firms".

Nera does not complain about this though. "We do not regard these links as posing any threat to competition, though they do have some implications for the

regulation of professional independence."

The main question for the European market is that of competition and whether the relatively small concentration of the firms into the Big Six and the second-tier firms works against the public interest. On this, the Nera report almost falls over

backwards in its attempts to be evenhanded, and the results are somewhat

It looks hard, for example, at the idea that the big firms get together and collude in fixing charge-out rates. "In at least two member states we have been informed that members of the Big Six meet together to exchange information about the charge-out rates on which their fees for audit and consultancy services are based."

Nera concludes, however, that "even if such exchanges are widespread, there is some distance between this position and the effective establishment of a collusive understanding.

"First, in preparing a bid price in response to a competitive tender, there is no assurance that full charge out rates will be used, and in a competitive situation it is invariably the case that discounted rates will be employed. Second, competing bids in a tender situation may suggest quite different ways of tackling the task in question, with no guarantee that the number of person-hours or the com-

position of the team as between senior and junior staff will correspond. Third, even if successful collusion on price were possible, this would still leave open competition on quality of service. The uncertainty surrounding all three of these suggests that the characteristics of audit contract competition make this market highly unsuited to successful collusive behaviour." The report also leaves open the question of how much further the market could allow mergers to reduce the number of big players. "Although a reduction from six to five players could threaten competition," the re-port says, "this is not generally the sort of market structure

concentration which would necessarily lead a competition policy enquiry to an adverse finding."

This will not hearten the firms, though.

Any further merger between the largest of the firms would certainly lead to regulatory problems on the other side of their global empires — in America. But it is interesting to speculate. Early on

in the report, Nera makes the point that the Big Six split neatly into two sections. "Arthur Andersen and Price Waterhouse are generally acknowledged to have a more unified structure," it points out.

This is not necessarily a good thing. Much later on, the report concludes that "as a broad generalisation, we would say that two of the Big Six networks, Arthur Andersen and Price Waterhouse, have sought to use the same approach in expanding into member states where there is an established auditing profession. Measured by the fee income of the network member, this has generally deen less effective in these member states than the approach adopted by KPMG, Coopers & Lybrand, DRT and

Ernst & Young."
Who knows? Perhaps Andersen and Price Waterhouse should reopen the merger talks that foundered so suddenly a few years ago.

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Review will spell out priorities for auditing practice in next century

ROBERT

BRUCE

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

YET another exercise in public consultation was started by the accountancy profession this week. The Auditing Practices Board has begun a strategic review of auditing practice, aimed at producing a report in the autumn that will set out key priorities for immediate and longer term change within a "vision" of the future direction of auditing into the next century.

The first step, says the APB, will be to find out how far auditors are meeting the needs and expectations of users of financial information. The board cannot be accused of ignoring this crucial audience. Like the Financial Reporting Council, it includes non-practitioners. More daringly, it has chosen one of these, John McFarlane of Citibank, to head the review working party.

Letters have been sent to

almost 90 interested parties. They are invited to say what they really want from audits. without being prompted on issues such as costs, responsibility and independence of auditors, or what might be put in their reports to widen the choice between a clean "true and fair view" and the dreaded qualification.

This is splendidly responsible but will it earn much of a response? Not if the experience of the Accounting Standards Board is any guide. Robin Leigh-Pemberton,

Governor of the Bank of England, made this clear in his speech to the annual dinner of the Institute of Chartered Accountants last week. He said: "It is up to the users of accounts to make clear what they really want from them.

"So far, however, users have been notable for their virtual silence. Institutional

are very low because there

investors, brokers, analysts and even the banks seem. with certain honourable exceptions, to have made little contribution to the public debate on corporate reporting. except when their interests have been directly affected. Unless users of accounts play their full part in the ASB's consultation process, the re-forms will risk failing to reflect the constituency it must serve. Successful reform must be a two-way process".

The debate over accounting

and auditing standards was started by public clamour. Some brokers, such as Phillips & Drew, have made significant contributions, but it took a brave analyst to criticise, say, the accounts of Robert Maxwell's companies in

Institutional investors and the banks have taken a determinedly low profile ever since the start of the long-running saga over City "short-termism". They like to think they have access to more detailed information than is available in public accounts. In crucial instances, they are wrong. If public company accounts are to improve, big users must be big beneficiaries.

Many may choose to remain passive, however, as long as they feel on the defensive. As the Governor made clear, they still are. While David Tweedie at the Accounting Standards Board is trying to make profit statements less focused on single numbers and, therefore, less open to distortion, the financial markets remain addicted to simplistic numbers and

"The need for cultural change," the Governor said. "is not confined to those involved in the production of company accounts."

Ahead of the game

CITY firms pay telephone number salaries for the best economists, the brightest analysts and the most prescient forecasters. But their skills are not always enough to carry the day. In January, Reuters, the information group, invited a selection of City whiz-kids to its annual thrash in the Apothecaries' Hall. Guests were invited to enter a suitably themed competition asked by tackling four questions: When would the general election be held, what would the outcome be, where would the FT-SE 100 index stand at the end of

trade the following day and

- what would the

pound/mark exchange rate

be? The smartest brains in the Square Mile were no march for Oriana Pound. public relations manager at Coopers & Lybrand Deloine, who predicted the correct date, a Tory win with a working majority, came within ten points of the closing Footsie figure and was out by

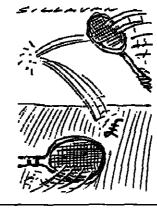
a plennig on the mark. Bulgaria bound COOPERS & Lybrand, as the firm will be known in Britain from June, has opened its first office in Bulgaria. The office in Sofia is believed to be the first to be opened there by one of the Big Six. but it seems a fair bet that others will follow. Coopers has also been helping devel-

op two stock exchanges in Czechoslovakia and is advising Moscow City Council on how to privatise itself. Sporting life

FIERCE competition is set to break out between accountancy firms in the run-up to the fifth World Corporate Games, which take place in

London from September 25 to October 4. Ernst & Young has thrown down the gauntlet to others in the Big Six by proposing to sponsor an Accountants Cup". Up to 60 E&Y staff are going to sweat it out in a choice of 22 sports including athletics. badminton, basketball and bowls. Venues will include Crystal Palace, Wentworth

and Wimbledon. Jonathan Boyfield, E&Y's number one ranked squash player - and a supervisor in the firm's expatriate tax department is modest about his chances. My personal expectations



ANY OTHER SUSINESS: are a lot of very good squash players around," he says. On the menu

IF ONE memorable thing

emerged from the Institute of Chartered Accountants' annual dinner last week, it was hopefully the quality of the food. For catering was provided by Prue Leith, now running the "canteen" at Moorgate Place. Leith's at the Institute, as the catering arm is known, reports a 20 per cent increase in business since it took over on February 1. and is well on course with plans to throw its doors open to members of the public this year. First, comes a facelift, when the restaurant will close for six weeks in August and September.

JON ASHWORTH

Much of the technology on display at the Seville exhibition will be available for use and visitors could determine

its future, Matthew May writes

s might befit an exhibition of the 1990s, there will be plenty of high technology on display at Expo 92, which opens in Seville on Monday Unlike more modest undertakings, much of the high technology will actually be in use rather than just sitting in isolated splendour on an exhibitor's stand.

The 18 million visitors who are expected to pass through the gates of this six-month exhibition are likely to provide a harsh test-bed for some of the new technologies in use such as fingerprint verification and touch-sensitive computer screens.

If there is any protracted failure the systems could find themselves back on the drawing board. The fingerprint system, for example, is being run by Bull, the French computer company, and Telesincro, its Spanish subsidiary. The system requires users to have a fingerprint scanned and encoded

on to a computer chip placed in a piece of plastic the size of a credit card. Whenever entering the Expo grounds, users must insert their card and present the relevant finger to a scanning system. The system will be compulsory for the 400,000 people expected to

buy the £160 season ticket, which allows entry to the exhibition for its duration. The organisers hope this will prevent any frequent and canny visitors from purchasing a season ticket and then passing it around to friends.

This biometric device is already being successfully used by many of those preparing for Expo - though one person who had to change the discovered that the system does not

approve of a grubby finger. The systems's use at Expo will be the first large-scale test of a technology that could end up being the way we use cash machines and credit cards in future. This is especially as credit-card companies and banks become more concerned about fraud and phantom withdrawals from their cash machines.

David Ferrar, the director of Bull UK's open systems organisation, says: "Expo's implementation of this and its level of public acceptance has greatly interested a number of banks and retailers. This system has advantages over alternative methods such as voice recognition and signature

Even more people, about four million, are expected to put 230 touch-sensitive computer screens through a gruelling field test. These are no ordinary terminals but "information stations for the electronic city of the future", according to IBM, the company that is providing them.

Arranged in 33 kiosks of seven terminals each, they will use pictures, text, voice and touch to provide information on the fair. Because the terminals interact with one another, IBM says they can be example, and have the reservation instantly confirmed. If the restaurant is full, an alternative will be

Voice messages can be left for other people with a television camera at every terminal able to store a digitised picture of the



Echoes of the sun: in Fujitsu's film three-dimensional images dangle before viewers if they weak shutter system glasses, above right.

terminals is an IBM PS/2 personal computer, and to demonstrate the abilities of distributed computing. there is no central mainframe but a network linking the information booths to a further 70 personal

IBM hopes a successful demonstration of this technology at Expo may eventually lead to information stations being installed in shopping mails, on the street in the same way as telephone boxes and eventually even in the home, "providing virtually immediate access to an entire universe of information about almost everything";
Surprisingly, there will be no

computers at the stand of Fujitsu, the Japanese computer company. Like four other companies, including Siemens and Rank Xerox, it has achieved "country status" with 58 countries that have built their own pavilions.

The company says that instead it wishes to emphasise a more cultural and humanistic approach but admits it is at Expo partly to get its

before the launch of a new range of

personal computers.
On display will be an exhibition of Japanese calligraphy, but the main activity will be the showing of a three-dimensional film. Echoes of

3D is a much misused term in computing, often referring to the display of computer graphics on a two-dimensional screen that can be revolved so that it can be viewed from different angles. The Fujitsu film, however, is the

cinema that resembles a flying sancer tilted at a 45-degree angle. The top half is taken over by the

seating for about 300 people. The film uses the Imax system, which, like others, shows two images, one for each eye. However, while some systems use polarised glasses or lenses with different colours, this uses an electronic shutter system driven by infrared transmitters that open and sout a liquid crystal display on the wear-

screen and the bottom half with

The result is impressive. The domeshaped screen is able to make objects appear above, beside and dangling just afew inches from the viewer's face, while there is a distinct sense of vertigo from being shown, and dripped down, yawn ing chasms.
Such films are unlikely ever to appear in the ligh street. The cost

them on and of 96 times a second.

of the 20-minute film, much of it relying on computer-aided graphics developed en supercomputers, has been estimated at £18 million. The way the classes work would also exhaust the eyes if the system was used for a bil-length film, and because each eye is effectively blanked out for half the time, colours are still dim.

The film shows how 3D could work. Although there are 70 cine mas in the world able to show such films, there is little chance that many more will be able to use it. By the time the technology is able to display bright enough colour and it becomes combrable enough to watch full-length features, 3D films are unlikely to be shown on a cinema screen at all but on a personal helme like those in fashion for virtual reality games.

Perhaps by that time, such sys-tems will be so commonplace that people will not reed to go physically to an Expo but will use their

instead of on mainframes.

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Comeback?

Chris Partridge finds out why lumbering old computer technology is still selling despite lighter, cheaper rivals

rapidly becoming the dinosaurs of the portable computer business, kumbering monsters with too much body and too little brain

The new generation of notebooks, light and agile, seems to be threatening them with extinction, but people are still buying them in large numbers. Just 18 months ago, the only portable computers worth the name weighed from 8kg to 10kg and were the size of a briefcase.

They became known as laptops because that is how they were used out of the office. in the last year, a deluge of portables known as notebooks has been sweeping through

They are the size of an A4 pad of paper when closed — hence the name — weigh as little as 2.5kg and fit inside a ers are light enough to be

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Weight and price are not the only ways to choose a portable The Elonex laptop is a sturdy 15lb in weight, includ-

easily toted around with a laptop costs nearly £1,500 travelling executive, but powerful enough to run most of the standard office software. book computer at half the weight, which costs £1.300. Small wonder that they are

already outselling laptops, within two years of being introduced. Nevertheless, people are still buying laptops in large numbers. Salesmen "Don't ask me why they are

still buying laptops, when you can get a faster, more powerful notebook for less money," said Compumail, a direct-selling computer distributor based in Aylesbury. "A notebook does everything a laptop will do for less money."

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compared with the faster note-The salesman says: "Some

people like the larger screen and the feeling of ruggedness and reliability that the larger Reliability is the main rea

son for preferring a laptop to a notebook, says David Bridson. spokesman for Elonex, a British computer company that makes its own laptop at its factory in north London. "We have resisted the temptation to introduce a notebook so far." he says. "It is too much of a commodity market, and it has a high rate of returns to the

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still selling at £4,700. Despite the advantages of the laptop, industry analysts foresee its, extinction. Dataquest, the firm of market analysis, found that laptop sales declined by 25 per cent last year whereas notebooks shot up by 88 per cent, the sort MARKETING of rise usually associated with

INTELLIGENCE consumer goods.

The final blow for the laptop is likely to be the introduction of standard credit-card sized memory modules and modems to a new standard agreed by the leading manufacturers in February.

ing the battery, and costs

£1.300. One special feature is

an unusual removable hard

disc, so that the owner can

keep the data in a safe place.

"One of the major problems

with portables is security." Mr

Bridson says. With the re-

movable hard disc, if the

machine is stolen, at least the

data is safe. As for the hard-

ware, what is insurance for?"

Hanover Fair recently a new

notebook computer with a

colour display priced at 13,000. Yet its colour laptop,

which is double the weight, is

Amstrad announced at the

Known as MCIA, the standard will allow many specialist manufacturers to offer memory modules, modems, network interfaces, "go-faster" proces-sors and other products that wili be usable on any notebook computer rather than just proprietary systems, as at

MCIA cards will replace floppy discs as the way of transerring programs and data to and from notebook replace the hard disc as the preferred method of storing for access by the machineonce the price of large memory chips comes down, a process likely to be given a kick by the adoption of MCIA cards.

This process will also remove the two most powerhungry elements in notebook computers, increasing battery. In typically British fashion.

a British company, Psion, was one of the first in the field. It produced a notebook computer three years ago, well ahead of any rivals, but it was a flop on the mass market.

Could Psion's products be due for a comeback? Peter Norman, Psion's managing director, says the company's MC range is sleekly styled and light and the notebook is still

'A notebook does everything a laptop will do for less money'

the only one with a battery life measured in days rather than hours, it has been successfully marketed for corporate use as a customised data entry machine, and the technology behind it lives on inside Psion's successful Series 3 organiser and the data entry terminals used in stock control and other

corporate applications.
The drawbacks of the MC range were a perceived lack of data is stored on credit cardsized modules instead of a hard disc, and lack of a convenient connection to available software because there is no floppy disc drive.

benefit from the new ISDN systems beginning to cover the country. ISDN is a communications network designed for computers, accessed by con-necting an ISDN adaptor box to the ordinary telephone

At present the adaptors are expensive and bulky, but some companies are already developing ISDN adaptors within MCIA cards. The ISDN is so fast that most users will find connecting through it to the like being connected to the office network. It will also be cheaper than using a phone line, because only data sent is charged for, even though it

will seem to the user as though

the computer is always on line. One of the first MCIA cards was announced last month by south London manufacturer Dataflex. It is a modem, based on a chip provided by Intel, giving speeds of up to 2,400 bits a second for little extra

weight or power consumption.
The modern is connected to the telephone line by a cable with a bulge, about the size of a disposable cigarette lighter, which contains the circuitry needed to adapt the system for This means that the computer containing the modern will be usable anywhere in the world as long as the right cable is supplied. For the first time, a single modern should be us-able with any MCIA compatible computer - which will be almost all new models - and

anywhere in the world. This combination of advan-tages should ensure big sales and corresponding price acductions for the product, according to Philip Benge the marketing director. The modern went on sale this month at around £400.

Once all these extra features are available in neterooks without significantly adding to their weight or power con-sumption, it is difficult to see how laptops can survive

Multiple sages. Bulletin-board services are usually smaller than the big commercial computer inconfusion formation services, and are run on personal computers

CONFUSION is rife about what exactly the term multimedia means and whether it is a technology, a computer application or a market, according to a report by Ovum, a firm of researchers.

It defines multimedia sys-tems as those computers and software that support the interaudio, still image or moving video pictures.

By 1997, Ovum predicts that a third of business compersonal computers, with 17 per cent of desktop software multimedia. It says growth is being held back by high costs, a lack of integration and a lack of agreed standards.

IBM cuts

IBM has announced more job cuts this week as it declared net profits for the first three months of this year, up by 7 per cent on the same period last year to \$595 million (about £336 million). The company would not say how many jobs would be eliminat-ed. IBM has previously said it plans to cut staff by up to 20,000 this year.

The company, once famous for providing job security, cut 29,000 positions in 1991.

Super sound

POR those with a spare £650 or so. Sony can offer a new amplifier designed to take advantage of the move towards better television sound. More than 15 per cent of nected their sets to hi-fi systems, the company says, while 40 per cent of large screen television sets are now

equipped to receive Nicam digital stereo. The amplifier, which goes on sale in Angust, provides five types of surround sound effect, allowing users to choose between emulating the acoustics of a theatre, hall, jazz chib, stadium or Dolby sound.

CD add-on

CD-ROM, software based on the computer version of compact discs, is becoming more inventive. In the United States, one disc is now available that enables you to set up your own bulletin board — a service that allows others to phone in and get information and often to exchange mes-

still a belie that computerised versions may take over. For example Threadz of Berkshire, is selling a £233 package



that imitates the paper-based version, even down to an animated display that turns

pages on the screen. Sections include a ten-year diary, a plainer that can work like a wal chart and an anniversary section that gives automatic eminders. Names and addreses are sorted automatically aid the information can be printed out on or-ganiser-sizel paper.

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SINCE the failure of British Telecom's 'restel service which send: computerised information ever a telephone line — to attract more than 100,000 customers, there has been increasing interest in accessing Minitel, the buoyant French servce, which has six million uses and 17,000 different services for home and business onoffer.

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Clive Couldwell sees how modern beauty can be imposed on an old painting

omputers are taking the mystique out of the Old Masters by allowing operators to manipulate a painting at will. The National Portrait Gallety's education department has been using portraits as the raw material to produce computer-generated images.

Julie Myers, the artist-inresidence, is using the technology to analyse how society's concept of beauty has changed, or not changed, over the centuries. In the process, she is producing new works. She is using old ideas of beauty, comparing them with our modern notion, and also creating contemporary art. .

Her project, Screen Deep, examines two pairs of portraits, one showing modern ideas, and another depicting 'an older idea of beauty. The works are Andy Warhol's Elizabeth Taylor (1967) and Mick Jagger (1975), and older icons of beauty are embodied in John Wilmot, 2nd Earl of Rochester, after Jacob Huysmans (c.1665-70) and Nell Gwyn, studio of Sir Peter Lely

Ms Myers has the original portraits on the walls around her. She has captured the image of each portrait with a conventional video camera and transferred it to a Commodore Amiga desktop computer. She can then manipulate the image on screen, enlarging a pouting lip, adjusting a wig or beauty mark, or chiselling a nose.

"When they are inside the system, the pictures lose their reverence," she says. "You would not dream of touching an Old Master, but somehow that same painting changes once it has been scanned, or a frame grabbed and inserted in the system."

The faces in the more realistic older paintings, when they were stripped down to their essentials by the computer, suggested that male and female beauty was held to be similar, whereas in the modern, stylised pictures the two are quite different. Warhol's males and females are portraved in different ways and stylised from the start. However, heavily lidded eyes and common to old and new.

This manipulative approach to studying the human face had a forerunner in the work of Francis Galton, an English explorer and scientist. In 1878 he came up with the photographic technique "composite photography", which superimposed images of two or more faces using a number of

A similar effect can be



Making a new man: the John Wilmot portrait has been computer-adjusted to today's standards by Julie Myers

achieved with a stereoscope and two photographs — the merce, but they are not recog-viewer sees a different face nised as originals by the with each eye, but perceives only one composite face.

This technique, applied to computer technology, is used in research into cosmetic surcomputer can build up threedimensional representations of a skull or reflect the ageing process. Ms Myers's project arose from an interest in cosmetic surgery and beauty and an urge to find out why people appear as they do. "As an artist I used the existing paintings as the initial inspira-tion and changed them to create new images," she says.

conventional art world.

tures are common in com-

*Computer art Myers says. "You can not only pull the picture apart but also animate those elements into sequences. Either way, you come out with something completely different."

The computer can change images without a prejudiced sense of taste, so it can be more honest and unemotional. Ms Myers talks of "a new form of art, where the input is yours been organised". She says: "It is artist and machine working together. It is partly me and partly it, but the mechanical process takes over." The aim is not "to achieve a certain style or try to make people look

shops during Easter for people with basic computer skills who want to use the equipment. "I shall grab and scan what they need and give them a disc they can then work on," Ms Myers says. "One thing I hope

to achieve is a whole wall of manipulated colour images juxtaposed against the more traditional paintings."

The participants will also be able to explore the computer's

potential of a portrait software program. The gallery is keen to co-produce a software program that will explain how portraits are constructed.

Ms Myers says: "Ultimately, I should like to create a wall of touch - a sort of intelligent picture, where the picture interprets vour movements into some sort of visual image."

● The workshops, for up to eight people per session, are on April 18, 21 and 22 for those aged 13 to 17, and April 23, 24 and 25 for over-Gallery's education department, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (071-306 0055). Sessions are free but must be booked

everybody, on TV

ata broadcasting conjures up images of space satellites beaminformation halfway across the world. However, one of the biggest data broadcasting services in Britain makes use of the conventional rooftop television aerial.

The data is mixed with the signal that carries television programmes from the trans-

A television signal is composed of 625 lines, but only 575 of them are used for the picture. The unused lines are known as the vertical blanking interval, and some of the spare lines are used for the teletext service, which provides text and graphic information on items such as the news, weather and sport.

Teletext is essentially a pubhic service, and anybody can use it by buying a television or video-recorder equipped with a decoder.

Some of the teletext lines, however, are also used for commercial data broadcasting services, which are designed for business users.

Liz Kukielka, the sales and marketing manager of Data Broadcasting International (DBI), in Egham, Surrey, says.
Teletent data broadcasting is inexpensive if you have to send a lot of information to a lot of

An organisation sends its information to a data broadcasting company, where it is processed before being transmitted with the normal television signal. During processing, the data is scrambled or encrypted so that it can be seen only by authorised users with special decoders. The decoded information

may be displayed on a computer screen or television set. Some services are for "closed user groups". For example, a head office may wish to send information to its regional

Marks & Spencer uses the system to send price information to all its stores. Other services may be used for multiple display purposes, such as information kiosks in shops. Data can also be sent to individual decoders.

Private teletext was made possible by the 1985 Cable and Satellite Act, which allowed television companies to run subscription services. It was also helped by the deregulation of the stock market.

"Suddenly, many com-panies thought, 'How do we ents?" says Lawson Brown, the head of broadcasting services at BBC Enterprises, the BBC's commercial arm.

BBC Enterprises launched its service, known as Datacast, in 1986. Today Datacast's annual turnover is £2 million and its services include Market Eye, which carries stock exchange and financial information, and Cardcast, which provides stores with informa-

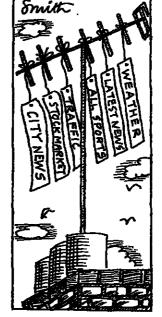
The spare lines on your screen are being used to transmit vital information

tion about stolen credit cards. Another client is Post Office New Media, which produces information for the display screens at many post offices. Coral, the bookmaking company, also uses Datacast to send racing results and odds to its betting shops.
In 1985, Oracle, the ITV

teletext company, allocated one of its teletext lines to data broadcasting and awarded the commercial licence to Aircall Teletext, now known as DBI.

The cost of DBI's service depends on many factors, such as the number of decoders and the amount of information that needs to be sent.

The company says that a typical service would cost



about £37,000 in the first year. which includes the price of 100 decoders, and about £14.500 a year after that.

Private teletext services received a boost with the 1990 Broadcasting Act, which obliged the Independent Television Commission to take some of the public service teletext lines and sell them to commercial companies.

In December 1991, the on onerea two com mercial licences, one for three teletext lines on Channel 3 and another for three lines on Channel 4. The licences will run for ten years and will start

In February, however, the commission revealed that DBI was the only company to apply, and then for only one of

One industry observer says: "The problem is that when the act was first drafted, the private teletext looked quite different from the way it does today. Now you have got competition from satellites that can carry more data to more people. Besides, I do not think there is such a big demand for this sort of

broadcasting."
However, Mr Brown at the BBC believes private teletext can be more cost-effective. He says: "The advantage is that you do not need to install expensive reception equipment. An ordinary relevision aerial will do. And remember that 99 per cent of all homes have access to the television

Ms Kukielka, of DBI, says: "Data broadcasting is a niche business like the designer clothes market. You do not see many women walking around in a £1,000 dress."

Data broadcasting looks likely to change direction this decade. "It will become more product-orientated." Mr Brown predicts. "It will become less about transmitting raw data and more about the

Possible markets include home shopping, home bank-ing, and point-of-information and point-of-sale kiosks, which provide consumers with up-todate information on a company's products or services what market analysts call "uninterrupted browsing".

Data broadcasting can also be used to help people with special needs, such as the blind. This summer will see the launch of a "digital newspaper", a service that will enable blind and partially sighted people to hear a newspaper by using a computer.

The project is being devel-oped by the Royal National Institute for the Blind, Intelligent Research, a London company, and Aptech, a Newcastle upon Tyne company that develops hardware for the

The hardware, which is expected to cost about £1,500. consists of a personal computer, a hard disc drive and a board that converts teletext data into speech. The daily subscription rate will be equivalent to the price of a newspaper.

When the system is in operation, the newspaper will be converted into teletext data and broadcast at night. The data will then be stored on the computer hard disc.

David Lew, the marketing manager of Intelligent Research, says: "The service will be wonderful for blind people because it means they can wake up to find the morning newspaper on their desk. It will also be possible for users to store interesting items on disc and search for specific stories or items simply by typing a name on the computer.

GEORGE COLE

British eyes on Pisa

A telephone link will automatically report any sudden movement during work to save the leaning tower

IF the leaning tower of Pisa begins tilting alarmingly this summer when remedial works are planned the first danger signals will be relayed automatically in a telephone call to Watford, Hertfordshire.

There, at the environment department's Building Research Establishment, engineers are keeping a round-theclock watch on the tower. The telephone links to

sensors on the structure will help in the work of the Italian prime minister's commission. which is trying to understand how the monument is moving southward. By the summer, when the

work is expected to begin, the telephone links will have been automated and the computer monitoring set to dial the team in minutes if the

restoration worsens the tilting. Gerwyn Price, who leads the establishment's monitor-

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ing team, says:"If we get movements of about 12 are seconds (three millimetres). this may be cause for concern. This would be about three times bigger than normal daily movements and that perhaps would be the time for the alarm to be made."

The team began its work in December 1990 when the special sensors, called electrolevels, were installed with a computer. Electrolevels, developed for aircraft inflight navigation and adapted by the establishment's engineers, consist of a glass phial containing three equally spaced electrodes and a special fluid.

Mr Price explains: "We have two sets of three electrolevels on the instrument floor level, about ten metres up above the ground, and they measure north-south and eastwest movements. At the basement level we have four

further electrolevels, doing the same job in the plinth."

Every week the team uses a password to collect data from the computer and its sensors The data is relayed to John Burland, a professor in the civil engineering department at Imperial College of Science and Technology in London and a member of the commission's 14-man group helping to develop solutions.

The monitoring for nearly two years has helped to show that the tower's movements are far from predictable. The mountument is not only leaning but also rocking back and forth and jigging from side to side. Mr Price says: "Overall, the yearly movement is south of about five seconds of arc or one and a quarter millimetres. Sometimes it accelerates."

The remedial work will attempt to arrest this movement while keeping the tower leaning. Obviously, the Italian government and the people of Pisa are keen not to lose the till. Under the plan, reinforcing

around the tower. Then weights will be added to the ground on the north side to squash the foundations and reverse the tilt. The electrolevels will try to pick up the slowing of the southward tilt and a definite northward movement, which may indicate that the remedial works are succeeding.

steel hoops will be placed

The use of electrolevels and dial-up computers has not been confined to the famous tower. The British team has deployed them around tunnels on the Docklands Light Railway in London to detect



Holding up: now Britain's building experts are helping

shifts in the ground, and they are in place on a bridge on the M8 in Glasgow and at the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor's residence in the City of London, as part of a longterm project to monitor the building's movement in response to tunnels below.

Mr Price says the electrolevels system is to be used on British Rail's behalf to help during the construction of its second Severn crossing, beginning this summer.

The devices are sensitive enough to detect movements of as little as a thousandth of a

year-old train tunnel caused by the ebb and flow of the Bristol Channel eight-metre tides. The electrolevels will be used to relay warnings to construction workers if the tunnel is being squashed alarmingly by the bridge crossing being built above.

When the second crossing is open the sensors are expected to remain. Mr Price says: "The system can look for movements outside set limits and will radio to the control centre. BR then has the option of stopping the trains."

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International eligibility needs tightening

All Blacks tread a fine line with **Bunce's selection**

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

WERE the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) to come out today with a firm recommendation regarding eligibility for national sides, it would be entirely apposite; the board concluded its annual meeting in Wellington yesterday on the day when New Zealand announced their team to play a World XV on Saturday with Frank Bunce

Bunce played for Western Samoa in the World Cup only six months ago and even some New Zealanders are embarrassed that he can now turn out as an All Black. "We want to see an end to this farcical situation in the southern hemisphere where players can hop from one country to another." Denis Evans, the Welsh Rugby Union secre-tary, said before he left for New Zealand to watch the

three-match centenary series. Wales's representatives on the IRFB have been pressing for a more standardised approach to selection: "We would feel unhappy playing sented one country in one World Cup and then found he was playing for another four years later without a substantial change in his domestic

arrangements," Evans said. Keith Rowlands, the IRFB secretary, is sympathetic. "Eligibility is a subject dear to my heart," he said. "I have been concerned for some time about the regulations which are historic. I have proposed a new resolution on eligibility to the board's policy committee; at the same time I have been receiving expressions of concern from the Pacific islands unions."

Scotland, as well as Wales. seek tightening on eligibility but that has been only one of several discussion points on the IRFB agenda. Fundamental change to the laws is another, not only to scoring values but to speeding up the game, which is a worthy ambition if it does not lead to the destruction of the essential character of rugby union; as Grant Fox, New Zealand's stand-off half, observed, taken to extreme some proposals would take the game too close

Lynagh in Treviso side to face Bath

BY DAVID HANDS AND CHRIS THAU

stand-off half for Australia, the 1991 World Cup winners, is named in a depleted Treviso side to play Bath at the Recreation Ground this

Treviso have had a patchy season, languishing in fifth place in the Italian league. A 31-9 win against San Donna, with Lynagh outstanding. helped them clinch a place in the knockout status of the

Italian championship. England, who play their final student international of the season at Waterloo this evening against Ireland, have been forced by injury to make two changes. Laurence Boyle. the Leicester Polytechnic centre, and Alex Snow, the

MICHAEL Lynagh, the withdrawn and their places go to Paul Flood, of Swansea University, and Peter Thresher, of Oxford University.

Northampton, have not qualified for the finals of the Worthington national sevens, an event they won two years

qualifying tournament, at Franklins Gardens, by beating Rugby 18-12, with Bedford the third qualifier, beating Coventry 48-10. The following clubs will contest the finals at Bath on

April 26: North: Orrell, Wakefield, Morley. Midlands: Leicester, Rugby, Bedford. London: London Scottish, Harlequins, Saracens. South-West: Bristoi. Ex-

The board's laws committee, faced with 80 proposals for change, must also considtralians want to introduce change midway through their season while England, as a counter-balance, have insisted upon a period of

Australia also seek amendment to regulation seven of the amateur laws, which would permit individuals "not previously bound by the regulations" to play rugby union. They support an ex-tension of the discretionary powers which have created such discontent, in respect of reinstated players being permitted to play at a non-representative level, and over regulation four, communica-

tion for reward. Three former Wallabies who turned professional. Chris Roche, Tony D'Arcy and Tony Melrose, all seek reinstatement but Ronnie Dawson, Ireland's senior IRFB representative, emphasised that "amateurism is still the most important problem facing the governing body of

While the game's administrators have pondered, New Zealand prepare for the first of nine internationals this year, against the World XV in Christchurch. Their team includes three new caps: Bunce, Mark Cooksley, the 6ft 9in lock from Counties, and Richard Turner, the North Harbour No. 8. Eleven members of the 1991 World Cup squad survive, with Greg Cooper, the Otago full back, making a return to international rugby after a six-year interval.

The World party warmed up for the weekend by defeating a Hanan Shield Districts
XV 74-3 in Timaru. Jeremy Guscott, the England centre. and Derek White, Scotland's No. 8, each scored two tries and Andy Nicol, the Scottish scrum half, claimed one.

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Looking sharp: Sure Sharp (Steve Cauthen) holds off Adam Smith (Brankle Beffori) in the Earl Of Section Stakes at Newmarket

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Desert Sun was not the only

ighly-rated four-year-old to

disappoint in the Earl of

Section. The injury-plagued Cruachan, heavily backed to

make a winning reappearance for Guy Harwood after

being narrowly defeated by

Tel Quel in the Champion

and eventually finished last.
In the last furlong, Sure Sharp, strongly ridden by

Pursuit Of Love impresses

By MICHAEL SEELY

PURSUIT Of Love was installed as the new 5-1 favour-ite for the 2,000 Guineas with Ladbrokes after turning yesterday's European Free Handicap at Newmarket into a procession, eventually winning by two lengths from Steinbeck and Wilde Rufo, who dead-heated for second.

Ladbrokes may have over-reacted as both Coral and Hills were prepared to lay 8-1 against Henry Cecil's impressive winner. But the colt must still have an outstanding chance of emulating Mystiko, who completed the double of yesterday's race and the Guineas last season.

When Pat Eddery sent the three-year-old into the lead at the Bushes, Pursuit Of Love looked certain to win by six lengths. But in the closing stages both Steinbeck and Wilde Rufo were closing the gap as the winner started to

Last autumn Pursuit Of Love could finish only fourth. behind Dr Devious in the Dewhurt Stakes, beaten a total of about four lengths. But as Cecil explained: "The ground was firm in the Dewhurst and he's only effective

on decent going. If it's good here in a fortnight's time we

Pursuit Of Love's galloping companions on the Heath this spring have been last Saturday's Ladbroke Spring Cup winner, Rudimentary. and another four-year old. Desert Sun, who earlier had finished fifth behind Sure Sharp in the Earl of Sefton

"Desert Sun just got tired," Cecil said. "We have had to be easy on him in his work otherwise it would have been tough on, the year younger Pursuit Of Love."

Steinbeck, attempting to concede 6lb to the winner, ran a satisfactory Guineas trial. "There's no hurry to decide about him and Lion Cavern yet." trainer Andre Fabre said. "Steinbeck must

Jackpot still on offer

from £195,497 to £335,723 TWO punters won a slice of before racing started yesterthe large Tote jackpot yesterday but there will still be a day. One punter at Pontefract had a 10p winning line which paid £24,843 while a visitor carry-over of £285,364 for the final day of the Craven meeting at Newmarket this afterto a Tote Bookmakers betting noon (Richard Evans writes). shop at Paddington was suc-The large prize on offer cessful with a 5p winning line resulted in the pool swelling which paid £12,421.

have faster ground than it Plashfoot. Beaten only a short head by the subsequent 2,000 was today, whereas Lion Gav-Guineas winner, Tirol, in the Craven Stakes as a firee-year With the shape of the Suinwith the shape of the Salar-eas market still depending on what happens in this after-noon's Craven Stakes, fad-brokes bet as follows, 5-1 Pursuit Of Love, 7-1 Forest Tiger, Rodrigo De Triano. old the Barry Hills-trained colt has subsequently been rather disappointing.

"He won a couple of listed races last season in Ireland and Italy," said the trainer. "Funnily enough it's the first time that Steve has won on him. Perhaps we'll have a go at the Forte Mile at San-

Peter Chapple-Hyam's sound start to his second season at Manton continued when Eddery drove Juniper Berry to a decisive win in the opening Geoffrey Barling Fil-lies' Stakes for owner Robert

The trainer entertained no classic hopes for yesterday's winner, but reported that Rodrigo De Triano and River Defences, respectively his 2.000 Guineas and Derby candidates, had taken their Newbury races well.

The trainer is also looking forward to Dr Devious having his Kentucky Derby preliminary this afternoon. "He's much more forward than Rodrigo. Even if it gets soft, he won't mind and I'm expecting a good show."

Turnell ponders cup bid

ANDY Turnell was consider ing a challenge for next season's Gold Cup after Katabatic's runaway victory in the South Wales Showers Silver Trophy at Cheltenham vesterday (Paul Wheeler

The former two-mile champion chaser looked as though staying three and a quarter miles would pose no problems. Cruising up alongside the long-time leader Golden Freeze, he quickly put day-light between himself and the pursuing Waterloo Boy for an eight-length victory.

The nine-year old made an unsuccessful attempt at three miles last year, but was found to be suffering from a lung infection. "He'll have a run over three miles early next season," Turnell said. "The King George would be an option because if he doesn't stay there he won't stay anywhere. After that we'll look at the Gold Cup or something

Turnell ruled out the possi bility of Katabatic running at the Punchestown Festival in month. Katabatic was due to run in a two-mile handican

SPORTS LETTERS

Puzzle over

drug tests From Mr David Teasdale Sir, Recently I was in South Africa, meeting senior figures in athletics (and other sports). including those concerned with drug testing. They seemed a little bemused at some international reaction to the Krabbe case, apparently from those who didn't want another scandal in an Olympic year. The South Africans had been delighted to meet the German Federation's request for testing three of their athletes training in South

Newly back into such international contacts, the South Africans followed the protocois very carefully. The result, we all know — three identical urine samples. When this was confirmed, many around the world recalled previous controversy about East German athletics (for example, the documents published by Stern magazine in Germany).

I am co-author of the BBC book, More Than A Game, which looks at the drug scene in sport, including the Stem

Now, the re-instatement of Krabbe and her colleagues by their German Federation raises vet more uncomfortable questions for this important sport. Now, not just the South Africans are bemused. Let's hope the IAAF asks the questions for all of us and gets answers which enhance and not set back - the image and growth of track and field.

Yours, etc. DAVID TEASDALE, The Old Barn. Woodlands Park, Cobham, Surrey.

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Penalty shoot-out answer

From Mr J. Douglas McVitie directly to sudden-death. At a Sir, Counting cautions or corners (report, April 15) to decide the result of a football match is a ridiculous suggestion - referees' decisions often have to be subjective, especially where "bookings"

And why corners, anyway? Today's long-throw specialists make the throw-in every bit as likely to lead to a goal (i.e. worthy of reward) as a corner. Which side wins the throw-in is, of course, as subjective as who gets the corner (witness the fact that referees and linesmen often

disagree on the question). The solution to deciding tied games? Twofold: first, scrap extra-time and move

Boat Race time

From MrR M A Bourne

Sir: Mr M Holmes asks (Sports letters, April 10) why with modern improvements dramatically improved. The answer is that they have, but that the improvement is often conceded by the conditions of tide and wind on the day

the record (18min 29sec) with the 1911 crew — the

been seen in the Derby.

Yours, etc. R M A BOURNE. The Silk House. Mere, Warminster,

stroke, the first and any subsequent minutes of extratime woud be as valuable as the last seconds of normal time, prolonging the excitement and removing the cur-rent pathetic and cheating spectacle of playing for extra-

time in knock-out games. Second, scrap Fifa and replace it with a five-strong panel of nine-year-olds (three girls, two boys). It wouldn't take them 13 months to meet and discuss the matter.

Yours faithfully, J. DOUGLAS McVITIE. The Limes 116, King's Road.

Gosport, Hampshire.

progress then varies with the

cube of the speed, and — conversely — the boat speed

will vary as the cube root of the available power.

To give an example, a 10

per cent increase in the power

on the end of the oar (which

will depend on the efficiency

of the equipment and the

technique as well as on the

power output of the crew) will

produce an increase of just

three per cent in the boat

speed. In Boat Race terms -

an 18-minute race, say - this

means the crew will only save

about 35 seconds. The trend

over the years has, indeed, been towards a gradual low-

ering of race times, but this sort of improvement is easily

masked by the variations in

wind and stream. One should

also consider the effects of

inhaling the sooty air of London and the mephitic

fumes of the Thames.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS ATKIN,

Herrfordshire.

30. The Shrubbery. Hemel Hempstead.

From Mr Chris Atkin Sir, I read Mr Maurice Holmes's letter (Sports letters

April 10) about Boat Race times with interest: as a former oarsman and an aerodynamicist, I hope I can answer his question. Simply put, the drag on a racing boat varies with the square of the boat speed; the power required to maintain

When my grandfather was rowing in the 1880s any time under 20 minutes was good: my father held for many years worst he said of the four in which he rowed — and I fancy I rowed in the slowest time of post-war races (over 22 minutes) though on the reverse course 17min 51sec was

achieved in practice. But in the last 15 years or so times of under 18 minutes have become commonplace, even in mildly adverse conditions, as for this year, and in a favourable year 16 minutes by a good crew is a distinct

possibility. The percentage decrease in time is very similar to that obtained in the mile, and enormously greater than has

Wiltshire.

Disproportionate influence of penalties strikes for the ball which. and, ultimately, out of En-

From Mr Peter Brown Sir, I concur wholeheartedly with the sentiments expressed by Father James McAuliffe (Sports letters, April 10) regarding the disproportionate influence that goal-kicking continues to assume in the

game of rugby football. Whilst penalties should be awarded for deliberate of-

fences aimed at stifling the momentum of the attacking team and, of course, in the event of foul play, I believe the influence of goal-kicking would be reduced by the awarding of free-kicks in circumstances where the offence is of a similarly technical nature to those awarded at the srummage.

A free-kick is awarded

largely, is a matter of timing. So, too, in a number of cases, is barging at the lineout and "going over the ball". If the referee interprets such offences as deliberate, he should award a penalty, but if they can be interpreted as accidental, a free-kick should be awarded. An incident in the 1991

metre line and in no way threatening to score a try, England's Mike Teague was adjudged to have "gone over the ball" as he stumbled from a disintegrating ruck, en-abling Michael Lynagh to

A free-kick is awarded kick the resultant penalty to where a hooker prematurely put Australia six points clear

A better bet From the Director General of

the Betting Office Licensees' Association Sir. Mr Rex Hamey (Sports letters, April 10) questions whether a minimum of two horse-race meetings daily generates greater betting turnover and suggests that

when the number of meetings increases, punters merely place more bers of lower value. Detailed research, which is accepted as accurate by both the racing and betting industries, clearly shows that two race meetings a day do lead to increased being turnover and levy income. The ideal

criteria for the generation of betting levy would be three meetings on week days and four on Saturdays. Mr Hamey should also know that there are not, as he states, 12,000 betting offices in this country. Having reached a high of almost 16,000 prior to the advent of Government betting duty in 1966, the figure has fallen to less than 10,000. This decline is a direct consequence of over-taxation. Yours faithfully,

TOM KELLY,

Association,

Francis House.

Director General,

Betting Office Licensees'

Francis Street, SW.].

years ago.

swing. Yours faithfully. JAMES CUNNANE, Our Lady of The Taper,

From Mr John Green Sir, Nick Faldo and David Leadbetter might well profit from a close study of one of the greatest golf swings ever to grace the world's fairways. I speak, of course, of the legendary Samuel Jackson Snead. I have had the pleasure of watching most of the leading golfers of the last 60

From Canon James Cunnane Sir. Perhaps a golfing ignora-mus may be permitted to postscript to Mr John Green's eulogy (Sports letters, April 10) of Sam Snead's golfing swing. Snead re-vealed its secret to the Saturday Evening Post about 35

backside. The only way to remain upright is to do it correctly. Golfing shoes, he maintained, encouraged poor technique by providing a firm grip and so removing the natural penalty of a bad

years, and have played with many of them.

Snead was over here for the

Barefoot Snead

As a young lad, he was so poor he could not afford shoes. If you swing badly inyour bare feet, he said, you fall over and land on your

Cardigan, Dyfed.

World Cup Final can be used to illustrate my point. With Australia on the England ten-

gland's reach. In such circumstances, I believe a free-kick would have been the appropriate decision which, whilst not allowing Australia to kick for goal, would have allowed them to attack through a kick for touch or a tap penalty.

If free-kicks were to be awarded in such circumstances, spectators would see. less time wasted through goal-kicking and, more im-portantly, a game geared towards attacking play. After all, wouldn't William Webb Ellis have wanted it that way? Yours faithfully. PETER BROWN.

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a daytime telephone number.

4/61, Marlborough Place, London, NW8. Ryder Cup at Wentworth in 1953. In those days, it was easy to be near to the players and study their styles. Snead's swing was a joy to behold — simple, rhythmical and pow-erful. The fact that his profes-

the scales and a stewarch enquiry, Wilde Rufe was olsqualitied.

4.10 (71) 1, MANGO MANILA (C Aptrussen, 6-1 II-tav); 2, King of Charce (I Wesser, 7-1); 3, Domicinsky (N Dey, 11-1); 4, Pysizhtey Night (Stephen Devise, 10-1); ALSO RAN: 6-1 II-tav Colosque, 10 Nordic Brave, 12 Field of Honour, Saluting Walter, 14 Mainsel, 16 Lamarah, Superno, Languedoo - (Sth), Alfrican Chimea, Desabb's Image (Sth), Alfrican Chimea, Desabb's Image (Sth), Alfrican Chimea, Nik Mac's Fighter; Dorset Duke, Gebbledini, 2, 31, 2, 151, nk. C Horgen at Billingbeer. Tota: 25.50; 92.00, 52.30, 22.50, 23.00, DF: 616.70, CSF: 245.68.

Tricest: 2415.69. Trice: 274.80. 1min 23,75eec. sional golfing career spanned four decades underlines the effectiveness and durability of his swing. In the end, it was putting problems which marked the end of a great golfing career. Snead's advice was to "keep your head still and hit it with your hands". Many aspiring golfers would do well to follow this advice. From observation, many golfers make the game much

Tricast: 2415.89. Trio: 274.80. Imin 25.75sec.
4.45-(5) 1. ANCESTRAL DANCER (M. Hills, 6-1); 2. Defenceless (B. Rouse, 3-1 lav); 3. Hanswysh (W. R. Swichstm, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Simmaring, 8 Duchess De Bellot, Grand Cancer, Northern Brid (4th), 12 Caustad Wave (5th), 33 Joannin late, The West, Zany Zama (6th), 11 ran. 175. 2, 185 rd, 4, 2781. M. Bell at Newmantst. Tote: \$10.70; 22.90, \$1.10, \$2.90, \$1.70. \$2.90, \$1.10, \$2.90. \$1.70. \$1.70. \$ too complicated and become obsessed by the endless stream of conflicting advice offered by golf magazines. There is very little new in the way golf can be played. Almost all the 'new' methods I see offered in magazines were well known 50 years ago. Only superior equipment, designed to make the game easier, is of much use to the average club player. Some of this is of very dubious value and can be very expensive. Yours faithfully, JOHN GREEN,

Newmarket

Going: good to soft Going: good to soft

2.00 (77) 1, JUNPIER BERRY (Pat.
Eddery, 5-1); 2, Petal Girl (L. Piggott, 5-1);
3, Sunley Sillios (C. Puttier, 14-1). ALSO
RANE 7-4 few Just A. Mirage (4th), 10
Eurisica, Shainbia (5th), 12 Born To
Dance (5th), 20 Lyaira, Alliyal, 33
Traines, 10 ran, 1/bi, 1/bi, 1/bi, sh hd, sh
hd. P. Chapple-Hyam at Marborough.
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94-50. CSP: 218.33; 1mip 23-38eec. 94.50. CSF: E18.33: Timip 29.39eec.
2.35 (1m 69); GULF PALACE (T Quinn,
10-1); 2, Al Mutarian (f. Detton, 9-4 fav); 3,
Caedie Courageous U Reid; 25-11; 4,
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Seen's Scholer (C Heretoise, (25-1); 4,
ALSO RAN: 8 Witness Box, Dom Wac
(5th), 11 Gendoiser, 12 Libru (8th),
Jackston Filmt, 14 Deposeki, Equity Card,
20 Coloridge, 25 Regent's Folly,
Madagene Gray, Muth, Eire Leeth-Sosal,
16 rax, NR: Gay Gänt, 1141, bd, 254, Mi, 21
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21.30, 22.90; 24.50, OF: 214.70, CSF:
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23.05 (nn. 10 1; SURRE SHARP (6 Carothan, 9-1); 2. Adam Smith (1. Detrort, 5-1); 3. Plassificot (6 Reymount, 16-1); ALSO RAMY 5-2 (Have Cruechan, Desert Sun (5th), 7 Star of Gdenstr, (4th), 12 Gai Sudga, 14 Lamb (8th), 6 ran, Nit; Haydiso, Plying Britve, Lovestoch, 154, 254, nk, 184, 234, 8 Hills at Lambourn. Tota: 218.30; 23.10, 21.80, 23.60, DF; 248.20, CSF; 249.35, Trice 2258.60, 1min 52.05eec.

CSP: 249.35. Trio: 2258.80. 1min 52.05eec.
3.35 (7) 1, PURSURT OF LOVE (Pat Eddery, 11-9; 2, Stainback (S Cauthen, 5-2 fev); 8, Wolfbound (W Cacen, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Artio Tracker (470), 15-2 Feb Cruck (5th), 15 Master of Passion, Taylor Outgley (6th), 33 Wilde Rufe, Botzan, 9 ran. 2, doi-1s, 3, sh 1sd, 15h H Cocil at Newmerlett Tote: 23.50: 21.50, 21.50, 21.50, 22.40, 22.00. DP: 23.00, CSP: 29.67. Tricast: 227.91, 1rain 26.55eec, 35einback said Wilde Rufe deed-beated for second plane but after an objection by the clark of the scales and a stawards' enquiry, Wilde Rufe was dequalited.

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ALSO RANE 9-2 Pectoku. 6-Mediane (6th).

Young Hustler, 12 Ru Valentino, 20 Str Crusty (4th), 25 Annio Chilone, 33 Cullearm (5th), 50 Just Blates, 10 Mandelay Prince, 12 man, NR: Sweet Glow, Loeningdale, Theo's Fella, 4, nk, 21, 10, 11. A James at Tenbury Wells, Tote: \$5.80, 52.10, \$2.60, \$1.70. DF: \$38.00, CSF: \$57.48, Tricest: \$180.53.

257.48. Tricast: 218U.53.
2.50 (3m 2' ch) 1, TOPSHAM BAY (H Davies, 11-2); 2. Henry Mann (G McCourt, 13-5 tay); 3, Tug Of Gold (R Durtwoody, 9-4, ALSO RAN: 4 Latent Talent (ur), 16 Pin's Price (ro), 40 Honeyboer Need (4th), 6 pan, 34, 212, 301.
D Bazone at Kingsbridge. Tots: 55.80; 52.30, 51.40. DF: 55.40. CSF: 514.28. 8.25 (2m·4f ch) T, KATABATIC (1. Hervey, 8-13 fam); 2, Waterico Boy (R Donwoody, 5-2; 3, Golden Freeze (N Pitman, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Norton's Coin (4th), 4 ran. Bl. 81, 251. A Turnell at Wantage. Tota: 21.60. DF: 21.60. CSF: 22.43.

21.60. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.63.
4.00 (2m hdls) 1, CUPRENT EXPRESS (R Durwoody, 5-1); 2, Simple Pleasure (A Orioney, 5-1-kny; 3, The Sister (P Carey, 2-1-), ALSO FAM; 6 Shitton Lane, 8 Jelantd, Burdesan, 9 San Fernando (Sth), Flowing River (5th), 12 Sendel, Bibendum (4th), 14 Noble height, 20 King's Rarlly, 50 Jump Start, 13 nin. 61, nk, 3; 191, 41, N Henderson at Lambourn, Tote: £7.30; £2.90, £1.90, £3.60. DF: £26.90. CSF: \$24.70. Trionet: £25.96. 234.0 Indest E325,86.
4.35 (2m 4f ch) 1, BESCH ROAD (R Guest, 15-8 sw); 2, Buck Willow (D Murphy, 5-2); 3, Hey Cottage (G McCurt, 11-9, ALSO RAN; 11-2 Middight Story (f), 33 Greenhill Reffles (ur), 100 Head Lad (4th), 5 ran, NF; Men On The Line, 12, 7, dat. G Baiding at Dorrhester. Tots: 22.70; 21.80, 21.50, DF; 23.80, CSF; 98.45.

E1.50, S1.50, DF: 23.80, CSF: 28.45, SBN-NET (M Poster, 5-2); 2, Yorkshire Gale (P Höte, 9-2); 3, Bellerina Rose (D Leahy, 7-1); ALSO RAN: 84 fay Noble Yeoman, 5 Bigheyir, 25 Steel Congress (4th.), 33 Xefa Xatu (5th.), Derschef, 40 Noble Fellow, 50 Titus Andronicus, 68 Bectury Prince (5th.), Ham Hall Prince, 100 General Sibry (pul.) Our Bifly Boy (f), 14 ran. 15; 62, 25; 194, 194, M Pipe at Wellington, Total Callon, 51 (4), 51 (4), 51 (4), 51 (4), 51 (51), 51 (4), 51 (51), 51 (4), 51 (51), 51

CSF: £14.12
5.40 (2m hole) 1, FIVE LAMPS (D Merndith, 8-1); Z. Trutem (M.A. Fitzgeraid, 13-2); 3, Barge Boy (I Grantism, 6-1), ALSO RAN 9-4 tev Mariners Mirror (8th), 4 Kright's Spur (4th), 11-2 Monday Cutt, 8 Magnas Pym (6th), 16 Alreel, 20 Three Lakes, 9 ran, NFL Will James, 81, 12, 5, rk, 8, R. Dickin, at Newgrit, Totar, £13.70; 22.70, £23.0, £1.70, DF, £35.90. CSF: £56.04. Tricast: £312.58.

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2.45 (St) 1, isotonic (K Fallon, 11-10 fav); 2, Calisar (12-1); 3, Our Mica (5-2), 7 ran. 1/si, 1/si, G Moore, Tota; 21.80; 21.40, 22.80, DF: 28.50, CSF: 213.57. 3.15 (tm 4yd) 1, Yynron Doom (G Doffield, 3-1 fav); 2, Reedy To Draw (6-1); 3, Prime Mover (6-1), 20 ran. NR: Spring Tem, Lyn's Return: 41, 81, J Berry. Total 23,50; 12.10, 51.60, 51.60. DF: 505.0 CSF; 522.38. Sold to 6 Wittehire for 6,000grs.

6,000gris, 3.45 (8) 1, Phiarach's Dancer (F Norton, 11-2); 2: Daneben (10-1); 3, Locheong (5-11-2); 4, Daneben (10-1); 5, Locheong (5-Rosein, 14, 16); F. Whiseler, Tota: 25,00; 21.30, £2.60, £1.40, £2.10, DP: £30.70, CSF: £56.93, Tifenet: £275.98, 4.50 (1m2f 6)rd) 1, Petro (N/Ryan, 9-4 tar), 2, Courting Jester (4-1): 3, Seelice (33-1). 12 ran, NR: Cryptic Caus. (6), 256, H Cacil. Tota: 22.90, 21.80, 22.10, 28.70. DF: 29.20, CSF: 211.51. 5.20 (5) 1, Double Blue (G Ouffield, 7-4 fee); 2, Fighter Squadron (14-1); 3, Who's Their Lady (12-1); 4, Amountume (18-1); 17 spt. NR: Queen's Tickler, 71, 34, M Johnston, Tols.; 52, 10; 51,70, 54,00, 51,80, 53,80, DP, 228,10, CSF; 528,52, Tricklet 2228,46. Tacapot: 210.90

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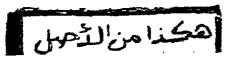
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Dr Devious poised to defy penalty in Craven Stakes

THOSE still searching for the winner of the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on May 2 can watch the Craven Stakes there today in the knowledge that in the last seven years four winners of this particular trial, Shadeed. Dancing Brave, Doyoun and Tirol, have gone on to win the classic itself.

However, for my selection, Dr Devious, roday's race represents a step along a path that leads to Louisville and a anempt at the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs.

Because he won the group one Dewhurst Stakes here last October, Dr Devious must carry a 5lb penalty today. That weight concession will not prove easy but I feel that Dr Devious has a record which indicates he will be equal to the task. He also worked well at Newbury racecourse last Saturday when he was ridden by Cash Asmussen for the first time.

When he won the Dew-hurst, Dr Devious beat Great Palm by two-and-a-half lengths. A conversation yesterday with Paul Cole, Great Palm's trainer, left me in no doubt as to the merit of that performance as Great Palm remains the apple of his eye.

The Dewhurst form was further strengthened yesterday when the fourth, Pursuit Of Love, won the European Free Handicap at Newmarket.

Apart from also winning at Newbury, on Newmarket's July course and at Goodwood, Dr Devious was also beaten a head by Young Senor in the Tattersalls Tiffany Highflyer Stakes over today's course and distance.

Alnast Alwasheek, who was only a neck behind in third

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

oning now that he will be meeting Dr Devious on 51b better terms. Yet Newmarket opinion still appears to be divided between Forest Tiger and Muhtarram over who will prove the better of those

trained locally. While Forest Tiger certainly looked good when making that winning debut against maidens at Doncaster last month it must be said that today's race represents an enormous step up in class. Muhiarram, who was un-

beaten last season, is the subject of good reports from the Heath. He is also the preferred choice of Shaikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum's retained jockey Willie Carson, who could also have ridden Shadayid's half-brother Badie.

Bold Pursuit, from the Tirol camp, Irish Memory, a recent winner at Leopards-town and the Royal Lodge Stakes fourth Torrey Canyon



Asmussen: first public

complete the line-up. While Bold Pursuit impressed when winning over today's course and distance last autumn, Irish Memory appears to have a bit to find on form since he was beaten by two of Bold Pursuit's stable

companions Fair Crack and

Swing Low last season.

By the time Roger Charlton saddles Torrey Canyon a fur-ther clue to his chance should have been provided by the sight of Mack The Knife and Twist And Turn contesting the Feilden Stakes. They finished directly in front of Torry Canyon when they were sec-ond and third respectively be-hind Made Of Gold in the Royal Lodge.

Mack The Knife again finished second in the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster. where Ninja Dancer, another of today's runners, was five lengths adrift in fifth place. I have heard increasingly good news concerning Mack The Knife from Lambourn, where he is trained by Dick Hern. He is napped to substantiate those reports now that he has done particularly well physi-

cally during the winter. Thyer, Jim Bolger's runner, is another who is Kentucky Derby-bound following that victory on the all-weather track at Lingfield twelve days

Finally, having won the first race of the meeting on Tuesday with Iywaan, Peter Walwyn and Willie Carson are hopeful that Hamas will follow suit by landing the Granby Maiden Stakes at the start of today's programme. This unraced colt by Danzig has been showing real prom-

Blinkered first time

Ayr lines up consolation prize

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

A BREAKTHROUGH in Ladbrokes and Ayr racerace planning has allowed this year's Ladbroke Gold Cup at Ayr to be supported by a consolation race for horses balloned out. It will be known

as the Ladbroke Silver Cup. The idea of having two divisions for one of the season's most popular sprint handicaps was put forward in Portman Square decision course resubmitted plans and this time they have been accepted.

The £15.000 Ladbroke Silver Cup will be open to those horses unable to run in the Ayr Gold Cup. Both races will be on September 19. Entries for the consolation race will be restricted to those horses ch were declared to run at Ladbroke Ayr Gold Cup.

Mark Kershaw, general manager at Ayr, said: "This has been made possible through the co-operation of John Smee and the race planning department at the Jock-ey Club.

"It has been frustrating for many trainers who not only have had to prepare their horses for the Gold Cup but cy Club. However, following the overnight declaration horses up as well and have widespread criticism of the stage but eliminated from the been unable to run because they have been eliminated."

2.10 Tusky. 2.40 Mamma's Too. 3.15 Amron. 3.45 Qualitair Rhythm. 4.20 Firefighter. 4.50 Intent. THUNDERER 2.10 Saint Bene't, 2.40 Mamma's Too, 3.15 Sea Devil. 3.45 Barford Lad. 4.20 Firefighter. 4.50 Alkarif. GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.10 MILBY CLAIMING STAKES (£2,402: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

4 0 NSHARA 20 N Bycroft 4-8-10 L Charnock 12
5 000- LAMBSON 68J R Whiteler 5-8-9 A Cuffann 61
6 HENPOTH Cacl 4-5-4 W Ryan 8
7 04-6 KIND STYLE 17 R Hollinshand 4-8-4 N Carlisle 6
8 40/ PENRINE STAR 560 W Elsey 4-8-4 S Maloney (5) 9
9 -001 SAINT BENETT 15 (5) P Hesten 4-8-4 K Deriey 3
10 5-34 METTERNICH 14 M Tompkins 7-9-3 M Sirch 1
11 1/32 PAPER CRAFT 33 (8,5) M Johnston 5-9-3
Paul Eddery 2

12 400/ SAYANT 804J W Chry 7-83... 5-2 Hemort, 3-1 Saint Bene't, 9-2 Tusky, 6-1 Paper Craft, 8-1 Metternich, 10-1 Taunting, 12-1 others.

2.40 HACKFALL APPRENTICE STAKES

1 101- AFIF 184 (D.F.G.S) Mrs J Cool 9-7 ____ P Turner 5
2 351- WAVE HILL 180 (D.G.) H Caol 9-7. Stephen Device 3
3 138- CASTLEREA LAD 215 (D.G.) R Hollineheed 9-4
D Carson 7
4 40-0 PAGEBOY 26 (D.F.) P Heslem 9-4 ___ Nicola Howarth 4
5 122- SHAT1 180 (F.) H Thomson Jones 9-4 ___ G Forster 2
6 8-01 THE OLD CHAPEL 9 (D.S.) B McMahon 9-4
S Sanders 6 7 214- MAMMA'S TOO 187 (D,F,G.S) J Berry 9-2 S Heworth 8 5 Haw. 8 2-4 SALLY TADPOLE 17 N Tinkler 86...... G Pa

3.15 MARKINGTON HANDICAP

1 200- ADWICK PARK 261 (D.F.G) T Berron 4-10-0 Alex Greaves 3
2 Q-11 AMRON 17 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 5-9-10........ N Carisate 6
3 10-4 SEA DEVIL 15 (BF,D,F,S) M Camacho 6-9-10

5-2 Wave Hill, 7-2 Affl, 4-1 Marrima's Too, 5-1 Shad, 12-1 The Old Chapel, Castlerea Lad, 14-1 Pageboy, 16-1 Sally Tedpole.

5-2 Amron. 7-2 Furiella, 4-1 Gondo, 6-1 Sea Devri, 6-1 Luna Bid, 10-1 in A Whirl, 14-1 Adwick Park, 20-1 Balled Dancer.

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3.45 KIRBY HILL HANDICAP

(£3,097: 1m) (14) 1 55-0 BARFORD LAD 25 (D.S) J. Fencheure 56-10 N Variety 5
2 104- AFFORDABLE 170 (F.G) W Carter 49-10
Paul Eddery 4
3 034- CAUSLEY 176 (CD.F.G.S) B McMehon 7-98
M Sinch 14 4 445- STAR CONNECTION 384 R Whitehar 49-1 A Cultime 9
5 0-08 MOFADOR 7 (D.G.S) F Lee 8-9-12 N Kennedy (5) 6
6 24-0 QUIETLY IMPRESSIVE 21 (BF.D.F.G) M Bol 4-6-11
PTurner (7) 8

4-1 Qualitair Rhythm, 9-2 Caustey, 6-1 Bartord Lad, Molador, 8-1 Veloce, Pimaboy, 10-1 Tolla Cholce, Affordable, 16-1 others. 4,20 LANGTHORPE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,500: 1m 4f 60yd) (14)

9 40-3 DOUBLE THE STAKES 7 F Lee 8-6. Paul Eddery 14 10 000- SPLIT SECOND 161 (V) J Watts 8-6. N Connection 1 11 0-95 THOR POWER 8 D Thom 8-5. F Norton (3) 13 12 00-9 MAYO MAN 8 Mrs G Reveloy 8-2. J Love 8 13 -005 NORTH FLYER 21 B McMathon 8-1. G Hand 5 400- PRINCESS TAMAR 211 P Heatern 7-10 J Fanning 6th 12

4.50 ALDBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O colts and geldings: £2,285: 1m) (8) 1 69-5 ALKARIF 21 A Scott 9-0 J Fortune 2
2 6- ASAASY 223 M Stouts 9-0 M Birch 8
3 400- BLMPERS DISCO 177 E Own 9-0 C Dwyer 1
4 CHARIOTEER P Hasham 9-0 K Darley 5
5 DESERT POWER B Henbury 9-0 W Ryers 3
6 4- MITENT 246 H Cod 9-0 W Ryers 3
7 4- MR FLOOD 167 Mrs J Cod 9-0 Pad Eddory 8
8 0 SIOLFOR 7 Mrs J Ramadon 9-0 T Lucas 7 7-4 Intent, 3-1 Mr Flood, 4-1 Assasy, 6-1 Alicerii, 8-1 Deseri Power, 18-1 Charlotser, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: H Cecil, 18 winners from 35 numers, 45.7%; M Stoute, 8 from 29, 27.8%; J Berry, 19 from 95, 20.0%; M Cemacho, 5 from 35, 14.3%; B McMahon, 4 from 31, 12.9%; Mrs G Reveley, 5 from 41, 12.2%. JOCKEYS: Stephen Davies, 3 winners from 5 ricles, 60.0%; W Ryen, 10 from 61, 16.4%; Paul Eddery, 8 from 49, 16.3%; M Bront, 24 from 174, 13.2%; K Deniny, 18 from 130, 13.8%; J Fortune, 6 from 58, 10.7%.

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Calling Collect returns

TOP French prospect Calling Collect can make a winning reappearance in the £20,555 Prix de Guiche at Longchamp today (Our French Racing Correspondent

writes). Elie Leliouche's colt, who will be ridden by Dominique Boeuf, was beaten by the likes of Arazi and Glaicul in group one races last year, going al over nine furion down by a short head to the duct on Saturday.

latter in the Criterium de Saint-Cloud in November. He should be much superior to this opposition.

☐ Bertrando, third favourite behind Arazi for the Kentucky Derby on May 2, has a fever and will miss the race. Ian Balding's Rokeby has arrived in New York to contest the \$500,000 Wood Memorial over nine furlongs at Aque-

MANDARIN THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS 2.00 Hamas. 2.35 Kimbers. 2.00 KING OLAF (nap). 2.00 Retender. 2.35 Kimbers. 2.35 Kimbers. 2.35 Kiveton Kabooz. 3.05 MACK THE KNIFE 3.05 Mack The Knife. 3.05 Young Senor. 3.40 Alnast Alwasheek. (nap). 3:40 Dr Devious. 3.40 DR DEVIOUS (nap). 4.10 Heather Bank. 4.10 Walking Possessio 4.45 Roger The Butler. 4,45 Roger The Butler.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.05 Twist And Turn, 3,40 FOREST TIGER (nap). 4.45 Roger The Butler.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE 2.00 GRANBY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O cotts & geldings: £3,080: 7f) (15 runners) W R Swinburn
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FORM FOCUS

DESPRED GUEST 5141 5th of 11 to Ahlisz in Lingfield (71, good to firm) maiden. HAMAS by Denzig and is closely related to smart 1m-1m 21 winner Northern Aspen and several other winners. NORT OLAF sh he 2nd of 14 to Youselfe in maiden here (87, good to firm). RETENDER by Stom Bird and is a helf-brother to several winners, including

2.35 BABRAHAM HANDICAP (25,481: 1m 4f) (14 runners) C4

Long handicap: James is Special 7-1.

BETTRIC: 41 See Indigo, 51 Libk, See Goddess, 61 Kiveton Kebooz, 7-1 Kensk, 61 Niani, 10-1 Switt Swo 12-1 Close Friend, Ferst, 16-1 others. 1991: GOLAN HEIGHTS 4-8-5 L Piggett (6-1) Mrs J Cacit 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

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1991: HALF A TICK 6-11 T Quinn (6-1) P Cole 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £10,416: 1m 1f) (8 runners)

3.05 FEILDEN STAKES

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MANDARIN THUNDERER BRIAN BEEL 2.15 Sweet Duke. 2.50 King Of The Lot. 2.15 Golden Gunner. 4.00 Speakers Corner. 4.00 Speakers Corner. 4.35 Absalom's Lady. 4.00 No Escort 4.35 The Blue Boy.

5.10 Country Member. 5.40 Turning Trix.

6.10 Tudor Fable.

6.10 Tudor Fable. Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.35 ABSALOM'S LADY.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

5.10 Glen Cherry. 5.40 St John's Hill.

2.15 WESTERN NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,723: 2m 4f) (22 runners)

Long handlosp: Camelot Knight 9-13, Dark Oak 9-10, Now Your Talkin 9-9, Wings Of Freedom 8-8, Lirie Lad 9-8, Murchaldesz 9-7, Badbury Lad 9-6, Sarah's Wroath 9-2, Cambo 9-1, Maivernian 9-0. BETTING: 4-1 Golden Gunner, 5-1 Sweet Duke, 6-1 Mailcorn, 13-2 Train Robber, 8-1 Wings of Freedom, Sovereign Sound, 10-1 Royal Haven, 12-1 Schwappes Tonic, 14-1 Ballyanto, 16-1 others.

1981: HOLT PLACE 8-10-0 W Invine (50-1) N Smith 21 ran

2.50 HOLMAN CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£4,305: 2m) (5 runners) Long handicap: Treveylor 9-9.

BETTING: 6-4 Certain Style, 2-1 Moment of Truth, 3-1 King Of The Lot, 7-1 Green Wilk 1991: CERTAIN STYLE 8-10-8 J Oaborne (8-1) O Sherwood 6 ran

3.25 MINSTER LOVELL HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,948: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

Long handicap: Bolinger 9-11, Jallbreaker 8-10, Holt Place 9-8, Meditator 9-7, Pertemps Network 8-6, Nickle Jue 9-2, Romital Prince 8-12. BETTING: 7-2 One More Knight, 9-2 Mayfast Mins, 5-1 Wick Pound, Nickle Joe, 13-2 Pinata, 6-1 Mardood, 10-1 Native Tribe, Jailtrasker, 12-1 others.

1991; SHERWOOD GUNNER 9-12-0 M Brennen (8-1) O Brennen 14 ren

4.00 HOWARD E PERRY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,448: 3m 2f) (12 runners)

BETTING: 2-1 Speakers Corner, 7-2 No Escort, 4-1 Writies Delight, 7-1 Katesville, 10-1 Ardesse, 12-1 Gaelle Cherry, 14-1 Majestic Buck, 16-1 others. 1991: POLAR GLEN 10-11-13 Mr T Mitchell (11-8 fev) J Cuffen 14 run

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD 103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,Q,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hell 9-10-0 B West (4) Received number. Draw in brackets. Ski-figure form (F = fell. P = pulled up. U = unseated rider. 8 = brought down. S = stipped up. R = refused. B = brought down. S = stipped up. R = refused. B = brought down. S = stipped up. R = refused. B = stipped up. R = refused. B = stipped up. R = refused. S = act. good to firm, here's G = good up. S = act. good to soft, heavy). Owner in the stipped up. U = stipped up. U = stipped up. U = unseated up. U = 3.40 CRAVEN STAKES C4 (Group III: 3-Y-O colts & geldings: £18,801: 1m) (8 runners) UP SI: 3-Y-U COILS & GEIURIGS. L.10,0U1: [III] (0 runners)

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(8) 213- ALMASR ALWASHEEK 197 (F) (Sheikh Ahmed) M Stoute 8-9..... S Cauthen

(9) 10- BADIE 202 (F) (H Al-Maktourn) J Dunlop 8-9..... J Reid

(1) 31- BOLD PURSUIT 182 (CD.F) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 8-9. L Prigods

(3) 51- FOREST TIGER 25 (G) (E Fuerbok) M Moutbarek 8-9..... L Devitori

(6) 11- MUHTARRAM 170 (F) (H Al-Maktourn) J Gosden 8-9..... C Roche

(7) 114- TORREY CANYON 201 (G) (K Abdulle) R Chertten 8-9..... Pat Eddery

7.2 Forest Times 9.2 Almest Alwasheek, 6-1 Bold Pursuit, 8-1 Muhtarram,

BETTING: 11-4 Dr Devious, 7-2 Forest Tiger, 9-2 Alnesr Alwasheek, 6-1 Boki Pursuri, 8-1 Multterram, 1991: MARJU 8-9 W Carson (11-2) J Dunkop 8 ran

FORM FOCUS DR DEVIOUS best Great Paim 2½: in Dewhurst Stakes here (71, good to firm); previously hd 2nd of 30 to Young Senor over same course and distance (good to firm) with ALNASR ALWASHEEK (5D better off) nk 3rd.

BOLD PURSUIT best Delve 3½ in 22-runner moid-en over course and distance (good to firm). FOR-EST TIGER best Rebel-Call 3½1 in 12-runner Doncaster (71, good) maiden. IRISH MEMORY best

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4.10 LADBROKES BOLDBOY SPRINT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,570: 6f) (15 runners)

BETTING: 9-2 Isaleh, 5-1 Cindora, 6-1 Ponsardin, Holstown, 7-1 Sir Boudle, 8-1 Freddie Lloyd, Splice, 10-1 Memu, 12-1 Heather Benk, 14-1 others. 1991: PRINCE OF THE SEA 8-9 T Quinn (8-1) D Arbuthnot 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

ISAIAH beef FREDDIE LLOYD (2b better off) 11 an S-runner handicap here (58, good to soft) with HEATHER BANK (12b better off) 3% 5th and PERRAGE PRINCE 7th. Proposal St in 5-runner Brighton (8f, good) handicap HOLETOWN 11 3rd of 8 to Magic Steps in Newbury (5f, good to 5rm) handicap with MEMU (18 worse off) 8f 6th. SIR BOUIDLE best Providence head in 4-runner Brighton (8f, good to soft) insiden. CINDORA best Scho-Logical hd at 7-runner Doncas-ter (51, good) handicap. PONSARDIN best Golden

4.45 EBF STUNTNEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O colts & geldings: £3,132: 5f) (13 runners)

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1991: JOHN ROSE 9-0 A Munro (7-1) P Kelleway 11 ran FORM FOCUS

ABERDEEN HEATHER 14I 11th of 19 to Tuscan Dawn in Kempton (5f, good to soft) maden with THREEDFUS (2b worse off) SI 17th.

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4.35 CHELTENHAM JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,988 added: 2m) (11 runners)

56110 PARIS OF TROY 14 (D,S) (M Christoff) N Twiston-Davies 11-7 BETTING: 3-1 Absalom's Lady, 7-2 The Blue Boy, 4-1 Mengrove Mist, 5-1 Pane Of Troy, 6-1 Henley Regatts. 1991: HOPSCOTCH 4-11-2 P Scudamore (7-4) M Pipe 12 ran

5.10 LEDBURY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,948; 3m 1f) (14 runners) Long handicap: Boom Time 9-10, All Affoat 8-10, Bignor Hill 9-7, Sebel House 9-5, Heart Of Kings 9-0, Celtic Prince 9-0, Sam Pepper 8-8, Mount Eaton Fox 8-9.

BETTING: 3-1 Gien Cherry, 7-2 Belmount Captain, 9-2 Country Member, 11-2 Viridian, 6-1 Boom Time, 1991: A LAD INSANE 10-10-4 A Yory (4-1) K Balley 6 ran 5.40 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Div I: £1,590: 2m) (25 runners) 10 SPECIAL ACCOUNT 14 (Miss L Wildness) C Barwell 6-11-13..... B Citiford (3)

BETTING: 5-2 Castle Blue, 3-1 It's Afters, 6-1 Vosne Romanee 8, 19-2 Sharrow Bay, 8-1 Graham Gooth, 1991: FOOLING WITH FIRE 4-10-2 R Hodge (11-2) Mrs G Reveley 20 ran

6.10 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Div 8: £1,578: 2m) (25 runners)

LEESWOOD (M Atten) R Lee 4-11-0 E Tierney (5)

LORD TIM 29 (8F) (6 Herrie) C Thornton 4-11-0 D Bentley (7)

MAGELLAN BAY (Autolous Engineering) Mrs J Pitmen 4-11-0 Lee O'Hare (7)

0 PADDY'S GOLD 72 (K P Ricing Pertneratio) C Broad 4-11-0 W Marston (7)

RALLYING CRY (M Boyd) R Alen 4-11-0 F Murriagh (5)

0 REMEMBER MAC 26 (R Peninck) R Lee 4-11-0 B Critiford (3)

3 TUDOR FABLE 26 (8F) (J Collins) N Henderson 4-11-0 P Thompson (7)

P Device (7) BETTING: 3-1 Magellan Bay, 7-2 Sadge Warbler, 4-1 Lord Tim, 6-1 Tudor Fable, 8-1 Leinthall Fox, 1991: EDELWEISS 4-10-2 M Foster (100-30) M Pipa 20 run

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Tough women with a grip on gold

ow fast the world moves. This year, for the first time, women fight at the Olympic Games. Hand-to-hand combat — and the odd thing is, of course, that there is absolutely nothing surprising or shocking about this. One can only wonder what kept them so

Britain happens to be very good at it, too. At least six women should be going to Barcelona with medal chances. "People say gold medal here, gold medal there, I say, nah! You don't under-stand." Roy Inman, who coaches the women's judo squad, said. "It's hard, it's bloody hard, and two medals of any colour will be a bloody good result."

Inman has gathered around him tough ladies of every possible size, all dedicated to beating up other women. He seems an unlikely feminist: a solid block of uncompromising muscle firing cockney glottal stops about the place like a scattergun: "and after lunch we'll have a bit of a punch-up." And so they all - the elite

half-dozen and 40-odd others set about beating each other up: a building in High Wycombe, of all places, filled with the thump and crash of Lee, heavyweight, down to the redoubtable Karen Briggs, at bantamweight. Whack. Thump. Whiplash

Women's judo is an official Olympic medal sport at last, and the Brits have a long tradition here. What odd synthesis, I wonder, brings this Japanese sport, with all its ethical and philosphical implications, to new spiritual homes in places like High Wycombe, now echoing with a babel of accents from one end of the country to the next: London, Birmingham, Yorkshire? The Japanese Way of Gentleness is now a tough sport of the suburbs and the

ladies from the

same places.
"A day at St 'It's a cruel sport. top players
If someone starts about this sense to crack, you just phobia. and hearing I was to start piling the pressure on until striking dif-ference in the with the British prosection women's jude they are finished answers I got Before the

minded of my favourite St Trinian's cartoon: the girl with the dagger in her back and the teacher saying: "Some little girl didn't hear me say unarmed combat, did she?"

These women are tougher further than Karen Briggs, four times world champion, standing no taller than a firstformer, but a face betraying the fact that she has known more triumph and more pain in 28 years than most experience in three score and ten.

In 1987, fighting for the world championship, she Thinking it was a dislocation.

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sort of felt my leg swing doctor said it was the worst break he'd ever seen," she said. "People in the crowd would not walk again.

Her recovery is the stuff of legend. "I had about six operations. It was quite serious," she said, with magnifi-cent vagueness. "I still have the scars to show for it." She attacked the injury with the physical courage you expect of such an athlete. Six hours of physiotherapy a day. Up-per-body work to stay in shape. Mind like teak. And she mended.

The first time I got back on the mat in competition, it was frightening. And then I had to perform the same technique I was doing when I was injured. And in fact, that didn't bother me. It just came naturally." And so in 1989, she was back in the world championship, and she won

She is now close to the end of her career, and is engaged to her coach's son. Judo is a small world: sometimes a rather claustrophobic one. This is an individual sport. but you cannot train alone, as a runner can. You need judo fighters: preferably fighters of your own standard or better. Not many of these. This is, of necessity, something of a team sport, but without the solace of shared goals and a shared identity. All the work must be done together, but all

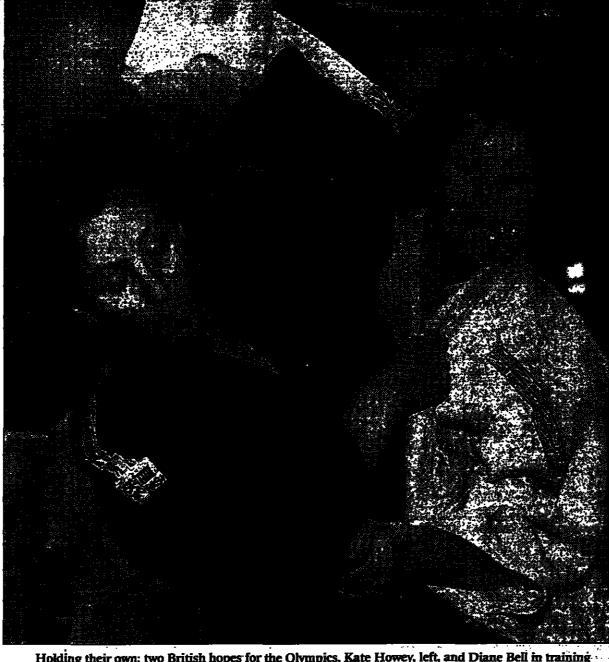
the goals are individual.
Athletes with individual goals are not, by their nature, herd animals. Solitary pred-

ators, more like. i asked all the Before punch-up, all were inclined to stress their

stifling, enclosed life. spend too long together," said Lee, whose Sharon Birmingham tones are per-fect for lugubrious sentiments, "Naturally we get fed up with each other. There's space. Stuck in one place with a judo mat, and judo players, and then go to bed.

"It's a really insular environment," Inman said. "At times it's like a school playground. I don't want to be in your gang. I don't want to share a room with her. The problem is there is no time to meet anyone who is not a judo player. But on the mat, there

SNOW REPORTS



Holding their own: two British hopes for the Olympics, Kate Howey, left, and Diane Bell in training

is no problem at all. It's a really good working thing. Karen Briggs and Diane Bell have been in the squad something like 14 years. Some people haven't been married that long."

Most of these athletes started judo as children, many of them as young as six. Grants allow them to train full-time, without enjoying any great lavishness. Most of them live with parents, commute to and from their clubs, report for squad training at weekends. It is a dedicated life, one lacking in glamour.

unremittingly tough.
"The pressure is hard,"
Inman said. "I don't believe it when I hear people say they like fighting. They like win-ning. They might like traindo not believe people go on to the mat in the Olympic Games and enjoy the fight."

"It's a cruel sport." Bell said. "If someone starts to crack in competition, you just start piling the pressure on until they are finished. What I like about this sport, is that you can be really sailing ahead with someone and then lose. You can be miles

ahead and then get thrown and lose."

This creates immense prescombat. The format of competition increases this pressure. Any slip is disaster, and a judo competition takes place on a single day. You might have six fights, and you must win them all to take gold. The mental and phsyical pressures increase

geometrically with every fight. This is a sport in which, little help. You must hit perfection on a single day. For the older fighters, this means a single day from an entire lifetime: their careers will not stretch another four years. This is their first and only Olympic opportunity.
For all their understandable pre-punch-up

KAREN BRIGGS: Aged 29, from Hull. Bantamweight (under-48kg). Four times world champion, six times European champion. 1991 world silver medat winner.

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SHARON RENDLE: Age 25, from Grimsby. Bantamweight (under-48kg). Twice world champion, 1988 Olympic bronze medal winner (demonstration event). 1991 world silver medal winner.
NICOLA FAIRBROTHER: Aged 21, from Sandhurst. Lightweight (under-56kg). 1991 world bronze medal winner and European bronze medal winner.

DIANE BELL: Aged 28, from Crawcrook, Light-middleweight (under-61kg). Twice world champion, three times European champion. 1988 Clympic gold medal winner (demonstration event). 1991 world silver medal winner. KATE HOWEY: Aged 18, from Andover. Middleweight (under-66kg). European and world junior champion. European aliver medal winner (senior), 1991 world bronze medal winner (senior). JANE MORRIS: Aged 22, from Croydon. Light-heavyweight (under-95kg). Best performance fifth place in 1991 world

cnampionsnes.

JOSIE HORTON: Aged 23, from Croydon. Light-heavyweight (under-95k). Best performance silver medal in 1992 British Open. SHARON LEE: Aged 29, from Birmingham. Heavyweight (over-72kg). 1989 world silver medal winner (open category).

grumbling, the physical extr-berance of the punch-up itself was terrific and infectious. A and bantering between, and even sometimes during, each fight. "All that joking and rivalry, it's the same with the men," Inman said. "Exactly the same. It's got more similar the more professional the women's squad has become."

Afterwards, in the after glow, hair wet from the shower and faces relaxed and soft after the stresses of com-bat, there was a huge sense of self-contentment: overflowing into a group contentednes Joshing: Bantering: "Being in a team is a great help," Bell said. "Only another judo player knows what you are

judo? I asked. Dieting to make the

weight."
"No, weight training."
"No, running."
And what's the best bit? "Winning." "Winning." "Winning

That's athletes for you Bernard Lévin, page 16 **EQUESTRIANISM**

Big Ben likely to ring out good news for Canada

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN DEL MAR, CALIFORNIA

can based Tim Grabb carry Britain's hopes for a third-successive win in the Volvo World Cup show jumping final which begins today at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Fortysix riders are competing for prize money of just over-£200,000.

The withdrawal of John Whitaker and Henderson Milton, winners in 1990 and 1991, has left Canada's Ian Millar, with Big Ben, as the undisputed favourite. Whitaker's brother, Mich-ael, and sister-in-law.

Veronique, are also absent. Both had qualified but Michael is saving Henderson Monsanta for Barcelona and Veronique, the joint runner. up in the European league for the World Cup, was worried about over-facing her mare.

The size of the fences should not be a problem for Cassan. Although this is her first final she is confident that which she won the Toronto qualifier, has the necessary scope. In Toronto he reached heights of Sit 9in, with spreads of 6th 6in. It is the firmess of the eight-year-old. Haneverian gelding that is more of a concern. Gothenburg, a fortnight ago, was his first competition this spring

TINA Cassan and the Ameri- in the World Cup qualifier by having several fences down. Cassan's most difficult test is likely to be today's opening speed round, for she has not had much experience of going fast against the clock. The same cannot be said of Grubb, aged 37, born in Leicestershire. A winner of an Olympic team silver medal in 1984; Grubb has shown consistent form since basing himself in New Jersey ten years ago. Earlier this month

> hope, were second behind. Millar and Big Ben in the Tampa Invitational. Grubb pins his hopes this Ever. The nine-year-old Belgian-bred gelding was only 28th in last year's final but has matured and improved since then. "He's like a diesel engine," Grubb said. "When he's running right he'll run

he and Demzen, his Olympic

With the French also fielding their second horses the main threat to Millar is likely to come from the Germans. led by Ludger Beerbaum, or the 16-strong team of United States riders. The second and third legs of the final take place tomorrow and on Sunday. The arena has been given a makeshift roof to comply with the World Cup rule that the final must be held in-doors.

S Africa prepare for Test return

FROM RICHARD SPREETON IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS SOUTH Africa, as expected, game most of them have played. It will not be easy

had another trouble-free weleome Here vesterday when they arrived from Port of Spain for the Test match against West Indies on Saturday, the most significant tone so far on their return to world cricket. South Africa's first Test match after being banished for 22 years was ziwayê seen as beinging them the final confirmation that they were accepted

The players are desperately hoping they can rediscover form worthy of the occasion after being trounced in all three one day matches in Jamaica and Trinidad. The only consolation the visits to these countries provided was that they were unaccompanied by any political rancour on of off the field.

With that unspoken burden lifted from their shoulders, the team can concentrate on honing their skills for the first five-day

after an endless diet of more than 20 one-day matches since those first turnultuous fixtures in India last Pringle, the fast bowler

may have a contisone injecfion in his strained rib muscle in an effort to be fit to take the

Henry, the Cape Coloured spinner, is recovering slowly from flu. Henry was born on January 23, 1952, and, if chosen, will be South Africa's oldest Test debutant, replacing Jeff Chubb in the record bboks. Chubb was aged 40 years and 56 days when he played at Trent Bridge in

No play yesterday LORD'S: England A 456-7 dec (D J Bicknell 115, M D Moron 71, P Johnson 53, H Morris 57); Espex 8-1.
FENNISH'S: Leicestershire 279-2 (N E Briton 120, J J Whitsker 73 not out, T J Boot 51) v Caribridge University.
THE PARKS: Dartem 119-0 (J D Glandershir 64 not sut, P W G Parker 50 not out) v Oxfold University.

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Champions'

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BY MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE world coxless pairs

champions. Steve Redgrave

and Matthew Pinsent, were

spectacularly beaten by the young Seatle brothers in the British Olympic trials at Not-

tingham on Tuesday.

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After two days of climina-tion races, Redgrave and Pinsent led the other five best pairs for the first 500 metres. Greg and Jonathan Searle began to push at 900 metres. however, took the lead at 1,600 metres and eased ahead to win by five seconds. It was the first time in two years that Redgrave and Pinsent had been beaten.

Tim Foster and the veteran, Martin Cross, also excelled. reducing a three-second defidt behind the world champions at 1,500 metres to a mere half a second at the finish, but the evening belonged to the delighted Searles. Jonathan aged 22, has one

world junior gold medal, two Senior bronze medals and three Boat Race wins with Oxford University behind him. Greg, aged 20, is a double junior gold medal winner and won a senior bronze last summer. Both are products of Hampton School; remowned for its rowing.

The race showed the enviable depth of ratent available to Mark Lees, the international performance director. in Olympic year. Less spoke individually to 14 pairs and nine scallers and said: "We have two very good pairs at the moment and we want to go shelld and make a team."

GOLF: MOROCCAN OPEN PREVIEW

Injury ends five-year reign

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN RABAT

THE European Tour, with another fine disregard of geographical nicety, has pitched ts tent in Morocco this week. After Bangkok and Dubai it has taken possession of the Dar-es-Salam course, a Trent Jones design, which at 7,222 vards is the longest on the tour, and scenically beautiful

Among the players in the Moroccan Open is Bernhard Langer, whose dash from Augusta was no doubt encouraged not so much by the problematical first prize of £41,660, but by an additional payment - as much again some people think — for knocking his ball off the first tee today. A pro-am round with Prince Moulay Rachid and a clinic provided a fig leaf of respectability.

The tournament was held once before, in 1987, when Howard Clark won. He should have been back to defend a title he has held, by force of circumstance, for five years, but his back is again playing up, leaving Mark James as principal representative of the old school.

The younger school, however, has a promising flag-bear-er in Jim Payne, still holder of the European amateur championship, who was rescued at the last minute from trying his luck on the subsidiary Challenge tour.

He secured third place in the Rome Masters two weeks ago, with the result that, at the last gasp, he had soared from 34th place to fourth among the 1991 qualifiers from the tour school when the top 20 places were reassessed Until Rome, he admits; he

ing better than the results suggest," he claims. "but missing 36-hole cut after cut by a single shot". His best placing had been 55th; but in Rome, where the wet and windy weather recalled conditions at home in Lincolnshire. the pattern changed. "I scored 70 in the first

round," he pointed out, "so that whereas before I was concerned about making the cut, now I could think about how high I might finish. Now I can be sure of playing in all but a couple of the 12 events before another reas is made in July. Otherwise I would have been able to teeup only in a couple."

He fancies his chances this week, on a course so demanding that it is unlikely to yield many low scores. "I'm a 72 kind of man," he declared was struggling. "I was play- enigmatically,

Birdies on final green form a damp hazard

By PATRICIA DAVIES

THREE itinerant ducks pad-' dled happily on the 18th at Copt Heath yesterday, the first day of the Peter McEvoy Trophy, the first major belys event of the season. The ducks, probably blown miles off their usual course in the filthy conditions, were taking advantage of the large pund dles on the green at what is

not normally a water hole. The tournament, in its twelfth year, is usually over 72 weather in the morning, that the first round was reduced to nine holes, with 18 in the afternoon. It was a salutary introduction to British conditions for the German Hors team that merited their tourtry's flag a place of the flagpole, underneath the club flag and the Union flag.

- Best of the Germans early on was Herbert Forster, aged 18, from the Munchen Nord course, with rounds of 38. three over par, and 78, seven over. He was three shots behind Joe Doherty, of Worthing the early leader on 113. Doherty, also 18, added a level par 71 to his opening

The morning was so bad that Steve Webster, the Warwickshire junior and schoolboy champion from Atherstone and a protege of Paul Broadhurst, the Ryder Cup player, said he had never played in worse conditions. "Icould barely see the fairway off the first ree," he said. He struggled to a 44 but redeemed it with a 73 later.

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Popov overshadows British hopefuls

The 50 metre and 100 metre races at the fifth Edinburgh international meeting are likely to represent the last chance for the world to see Aleksandr Popov outside Russia before he takes on the task for which he has been groomed over the last four years - beating Matt those opposing him for a

Olympic Games.

wealth of Independent States Olympić team. Gennady Prigoda carries the weightier form, with silver and bronze medals at Olympic, world and European levels

Over 100 metres, each of world's top ten over 50 me-

World Cup series sprint beat him in the 50 metres at

£20,000 by the district council, marks one of the last chances for British swimmers to meet qualifying standards for Barcelona.

It has also attracted Kornelia Ender, who will swim for the first time outside Germany since win-ning five gold medals for East Germany at the Montreal Olympics of 1976.



place on the Common-

EDINBURGH's Royal Commonwealth Pool will, over the next three days, be graced by the fastest sprint freestyle line-up seen in Britain as eight of the world's top 20 take to the blocks.

won five gold medals in Seoul, at the Barcelona

Popov's progress has been timely. With no junior accolades to his credit, the Moscow student, now aged 20, fought his way through the ranks of the former Soviet Union's many worldclass sprinters to become European champion and record holder at 100 metres freestyle last summer. He brings with him to the Edinburgh event, which in-

corporates the fourth Brit-

ish grand prix final, four of

the five Russians in Edinburgh has swum faster than Mike Fibbens — the British record holder, who won the 50 metres bronze medal at the European champion-ships behind Prigoda — and his closest domestic rivals, Austyn Shortman and Mark Foster, who all rank in the the World Cup final. The Edinburgh event, sponsored to the tune of

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Hearts slip up in cup semi-final

Airdrie reject the criticism of their robust approach

ON THE one hand, Airdrieonians claim to be sensitive to criticism of their combative approach to football and, on the other, they appear to bask in the heat generated by the subject. In the aftermath of their remarkable progress to the Scottish Cup final, accomplished at the expense of Heart of Midlothian at Hampden Park on Tuesday night, the Airdrie manager, Alex MacDonald, said yesterday: "Follow Airdrie for con-

troversy and argument!"

Five minutes later, Mac-Donald, replying to a question that suggested Airdrie's first half goal against Hearts had been contentious, snapped: "Why is it that whenever we're involved, the word controversy arises? We approach the game like most other teams and, as I've said before, the fact that we're a small club exposes us to abuse in a way which would never happen to one of the bigger

Up to a point. For those who feel that statistics can occasionally be illuminating. it is worth noting that last Saturday Rangers set a premier division scoring record of 92 goals. On Tuesday night, Airdrie took their total of yellow cards for the season

In the Skol Cup, they saw off Aberdeen at Pittodrie and Celtic at Broomfield and only a dreadful error by David Syme, the referee, for their semi-final tie with Dunfermline, deprived them of a place in the final against Hibernian. Since Airdrie dismissed Hibernian at the quarter-final stage of the Scottish Cup and have now completed a double over the Edinburgh sides, who is to say that had they reached Hampden last October they would not have seen their name engraved on

the first trophy of the season? What angers their detrac-tors most is also their principai strength - their harassing tactics put the onus on more fancied opponents to prove they have the resolution as well as skill to dominate a contest. This is a lesson which Hearts now have leisure to contemplate because, in the 210 minutes of the semi-final and replay, it may fairly said that the Edinburgh side only played to potential for the concluding hour or so of the proceedings. In that period, they struck wood three times,

just as Celtic had done in the first semi-final against a depleted Rangers side who, like Airdrie, held out under pressure which would have swamped them nine times out of ten. The conclusion is that had Hearts manufac-tured this kind of play from the start they would have taken their place against Rangers at Hampden on May 7.

Instead, they were self-destructive and Smith undid his colleagues by picking the ball up twice in his own area without passing to a team-mate. From the free kick, Black's goal shored Airdrie until the 88th minute when McLaren's equaliser carried the contest into extra time and ultimately the penalty kick decider

Having failed one such rit-ual in the Skol Cup semi-final, Airdrie prevailed in the repeat performance. And for those who decry the penalty decider it is worth considering that 27,000 attended the first tie between these sides which was so dire that Tuesday night's crowd was a dismal 11,163 - and how much more might it have declined had a third or fourth contest



BY RODDY FORSYTH

CELTIC yesterday unveiled a scheme to replace their stadium at Parkhead with an allseater ground at nearby Cambusiang capable of holding 52,000 spectators. The plans also make provision for a 200-room hotel, a multiscreen cinema, restaurants, a bowling alley, offices and shops. The cost of the project may run to £100 million.

The plans were given a cautious welcome by James Rae, the director of planning of Glasgow City Council, who said: "This is a big application and there will be problems, but with a lot of goodwill we can approach them ... although there are certain site problems, such as the dispersal of old industrial waste, the scheme is feasible."

West Ham edging closer to the drop

WEST HAM United were effectively condemned to relegation from the first division on Tuesday night when they lost 1-0 at home to Southampton. The goal, volleyed two minutes from time by Micky Adams, left West Ham bottom of the table nine points adrift of Coventry, who are three places higher.

For much of this season Southampton looked to be heading for the second division, but a run of only one defeat in ten League games has secured their Premier

League place. Luton Town retained hopes of staving off relegation at Kenilworth Road where they

beat Nottingham Forest 2-1. David Pleat's team, who face Manchester United on Saturday, stay third from bottom

but are now only three points

worse off than Coventry.

Sheffield United climbed to eighth after completing their first double over Tottenham Hotspur since 1937 at Bramall Lane, with a 2-0 win. Sunderland put thought of the FA Cup final to the back of their minds at Roker Park as they defeated Ipswich Town 3-0.

Birmingham City returned to the top of the third division for the first time since November by beating Bolton Wanderers 2-1.

However, Strathclyde Regional Council is cautious about agreeing to large scale shopping centres. Mr Rae agreed yesterday that the re-gional planners might call the scheme in, which may call for the arbitration of the Sec-

retary of State for Scotland. In the meantime, Celtic attempt to put together a financial package to fund the first stage of the development, which would involve the construction of an all-seater stadium to seat 32,000. A second phase would add 10,000 to the capacity at a cost of 54 million. The final 10,000-seat stage would cost

The site intended for the stadium belongs to the Glasgow Development Agency, who will make a decision on their involvement at a board meeting on May 7. Finance is projected to come from grants from the Football Trust and a debenture scheme for supporters, as well

as corporate sponsors.

Terry Cassidy, Celtic's chief executive, said: "We are applying for outline planning permission, but that is only the beginning of a long, hard However, Professor road." Tom Carberry, formerly a business lecturer at Strathclyde University, said: "It is an inordinately ambitious scheme and it appears to be a stalling tactic by the board."

serving nouce: the English hanonal champion, Anders Nielsen, caused a surprise by reaching the quarter-finals of the Pilkington Glass European badminton championships in Glasgow yesterday because only 24 hours previously he had declared himself unfit to compete for his country (Richard Eaton writes). Nielsen had said that his injured

Nielsen had said that his injured back was too troublesome for him to participate in England's campaign on Tuesday, which ended with a bronze medal. Yet, by 10.30 yesterday morning, he was fit enough to beat Pedro Vanneste, of Belgium,

15-2 15-4. He also overcame the tall and talented Dutchman, Jerone van Dijk, 15-7, 15-7.

Nielsen has a fine chance of a semi-final place because the fourth seed, Jens Olsson, was beaten —
possibly a hangover from Sweden's
triumph in taking the team title for
the first time by beating Denmark.

Nielsen has an equally good chance of qualifying for the Olympics. This could create an unpalatable bone of contention because it would be at the expense of his team colleague Steve Butler, who did play for England. Butler, who is taking

drugs for a thrombosis, ended with pains in an arm and both legs after a dynamic effort against Sweden and ill take no further part in the

Olympic places are decided on the world rankings at the end of this mouth and it seems likely that Butler, three places higher, will slip

Helen Troke, the England No. 1, went out in the second round, beaten 10-12, 12-9, 11-8 by Erica van de Heuvel, better known as a doubles specialist, and her Olympic place could also be in peril.

BASEBALL

Yankees tagged going for seven

By Robert Kirley

IN A sport that thrives on statistical fodder, the New York Yankees and Toronto Blue Jays gorged themselves on Monday. Danny Tarrabull hit a two-run home run Yankees to their sixth win in as many games, a 5-2 decision in Toronto.

What made the game so special? It was the first this century matching unbeaten clubs more than five games into the season. The Yankees were the only undefeated team for just one day, however. The Jays, led by Dave Winfield's four runs batted in, beat them 12-6 on

Tuesday. The Oakland A's have won six of their first eight games. led by Mark McGwire's five home runs. The Texas Rangers collected 50 hits and 38 runs in four wins over the Seattle Mariners, but the Texas leader, Nolan Ryan, aged 45, is spending a second week on the disabled list

because of a leg injury.

After six defeats, the Detroit Tigers broke through on Monday when Albert Belle, land Indians, dropped a fly ball with two outs in the ninth inning. Two runs scored, giving the Tigers a 7-5 edge.

The Kansas City Royals, revamped after an unexpectedly dismal showing last year, lost their first seven games before beating Oakland 3-1 on Tuesday. Not that they did so in style, however. After failing to get a hit for seven innings, the Royals capitalised on three unearned runs

in the eighth. The Chicago Cubs made it through their first six games without committing an error. a record for sure-handedness this year, but they made four errors on Tuesday in a 3-2 loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates. **SPORT FOR THE DISABLED**

Grey savours her new-found fame

IT IS surprising what winning the London Marathon can do for a competitor. Since Sunday, it seems everyone wants to congratulate Tanni Grey on her victory over Rose Hill in the women's wheelchair race.

Grey is not complaining, but she finds it all a little surprising. When she won two golds and a silver at the World Wheelchair Games, or set a new world record for the 200 metres, she got no more than a pat on the back from her team-mates. But since Sunday, things have changed. "It's lovely to be

noticed finally," she said. Part of the recognition comes from the increase in television coverage, "Normally they only show us coming over the finishing line," she said. "This time they followed us right through the race." Grey is nothing if not deter-mined to succeed. At 22, she

is a full-time athlete, having decided to focus on Barcelona after graduating from Loughborough University last year. Training six to seven days a week, on the roads or in the gym with weights, she has three main goals this season: the British Wheelchair Racing Association's national championships, the Olympic trials in New Orleans and the Paralympics.

Sucress in New Orleans. against athletes she does not know, may be in the balance, but at the Paralympics, Grey will definitely be one of the British medal contenders in the 100, 200, 400 and 800 metres. With the support of her parents and what prizemoney she can earn, Grey is determined that nothing will bar her route to the winners' rostrum. But in the meantime, she is still enjoying the applause.

Tracking down the man for sport

By Louise Taylor and Sheila Gunn

LEADING figures in British sport yesterday offered differing reactions to the news that, for the first time since Lord Hailsham held the office in 1962, the government will contain no official minister for sport.

A spokesman for the Sports Council said: "It is early days and duties have still to be carved up, but we are delighted to see two ministers, one in the cabinet, with a responsibility

He said that many people in sport had been unhappy at the lack of overall power wielded by the sports minister but thought that David Mellor, the cabinet minister at the new department of national heritage, would be able to make sporting decisions higher up the government ladder. Mellor is a keen Chelsea

The civil servants that worked with the previous Sports Minister will be moving to heritage, which is good from our viewpoint se we do not have to explain the points we are arguing to new people," the spokesman said. "We do not know how the work will be divided but surely two ministers with respons-ibility for sport under the National Heritage umbrella will prove more effective than one."

Nigel Hook, of the Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR), said: "We have heard that David Mellor is planning to ap-point someone with full time responsibility for sport. That is important because there are so many areas to National Heritage that, without an individual in charge, there would be a danger of sport being

overlooked."

The trail of the individual who will have responsibility for sport after the govern-ment reshuffle led to a ju-nior minister at the department of national heritage. Robert Key's responsibilities include sport as well as broadcasting, films, the arts, tourism and heritage. Key, aged 46, is known to have played rugby at Sherborne and hockey at Cambridge University. Mike Cuerden, the p

officer for the Manchester bid to host the Olympic Games of 2000, was delighted. "We worked closely with Robert Key when he was a junior minister at the environment and was very involved with the regeneration Manchester and Salford and our bid," he said.

Manchester's official candidacy to host the Olympics in 2000 was delivered to the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne yesterday, the closing date for bids. Other bidding cities are Beijing, Berlin, Bra-silia, Istanbul, Milan and

IN BRIEF

Moses is confident

Edwin Moses, the world record holder, who won his first gold medal in the 400metre hurdles in Montreal in 1976, is confident he can qualify for his fifth Olympics in Barcelona this summer. The 36-year-old said ves-

terday he could easily run the distance in 49.2 or 49.3sec, two seconds more than his world record of 1983, but under the qualification minimum of 50.2sec.

Ito to retire Ice skating: Midori Ito, who

won a silver medal at the Winter Olympics in Albertville, is to quit competitive figure skating. King reigns

Bowls: Tony Allcock, Britain's No. 1 indoor bowler, was beaten in the semi-final of the International Masters tournament at Ely yesterday by local man, Kevin King, 4-9 9 5, 9-2.

Win on wheels Paraplegic Games: John

Gronow, a wheelchair bowler from Cardiff, has won a bronze medal for Great Britain in the South African competition at Stellenbosch.

Chance of rerun

Athletics: Zola Budd-Pieterse, of South Africa, and Mary Slaney, of United States, may meet again - in a 2,000 metres race in Eugene. Oregon, on June 6.

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBRIATION:
Swinden S, Chalese D: Fulham 1, Lutton 3:
Tottenham 3, Wimbledon 3.
ENGLISH SCHOOLS FESTIVALS: Jersey: Bishop Auckland 0, Jersey A 3:
Chiton 2, Orpingten 2; Gloucaster 2;
Wast Corrival 1: Barking 4, Newbury 1;
Griveeham 2, Reacing 2: Thurnock 2,
Maldatone D; Weshington 6, Jersey B 1.
Durhern: Allerdain 0, Chester-Is-Sireet 3;
Revicaste 2; Paterborough 3, South 1;
Tyneside 3; Blachheath 3, North Tyneside 4; Reacing 3, Sunderland 2; Derwentside 1, Bashop Auckland 1.
SOUTH AMERICAN LIBERTADORES CUP: Group two: São Paulo 2, Bolivar 0.
Late results on Tuesday SARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division:
Luton 2, Nottingham Forest 1; Sheffield United 2, Tottenham Holapus 0; West Harn 0, Southampton 1. Second division:
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Standerland 3, pawhich 0. Thind division: Birmingham 2, Bolton 1; Bournermouth 1, Huddersdeid 1; Bury 3, Exoter 1; Proston 1, Reading 1; Torquay 2, Huli 1.
Fourth division: Biscippool 1, Doncaster 0; Halitax 2, Crewe 1; Scarborough 2, Cardif 2; Scarthorpe 3, Northampton 0.
Prestponent: Rochdale v Wrecham.
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HFS LOANS LEAGUE: President's Cup: Final, first leg: Morecambe 1, Stalytridge 2. Pramier division: Droylsden 1, Fleetwood 4: Geimborough 0, Marine 0; Whitley Bay 1, Southport 2; Enley 4, Mallock 0. Finat division: Itam 1, Rhyl 0.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Bardays Commercial Sarvices Cup: Final, first leg: Dover 1, Dorchester 0. Southern division: Baldock 4, Canterbury 3; Braintee 2, Salisbury 0; Sudbury 4, Margate 0, McGand division: Alvechurch 2, Newport AFC 0; Stourbndge 2, Rushden 3; Stroud 0, RC Warwick 0.
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Colvyn Bay 2, Hechestord 3 (Hechestord win 4-2 on September 2)

PONTING CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: West Bromwich 3, Coventry 1. Second division: Notis County 3, Wigen 2. NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Chariton 4, Arsenal 1; Reading 1, Norwich 5. JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Haistead 1,

Haverhill 2; Lowestoft 2, Claston 1; Newmarket 2, Gorleston 2; Watton 1, Newmerket 2. Gorieston 2; Watton 1, March Town 1. March To Rotterdem 3. ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Juventus 1, AC Milan 0 (Juventus win 1-0

on sgg). INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Austria 4, Lithusnia 0 (in Vienna). BADMINTON

GLASGOW: European championships:
Men's singles: First round: P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Cen) bt H Fuchs (Austria), 15-9, 15-5; P Andreaston (Swe) bt B Flockhart (Scot), 15-5, 15-4; P Jantit (Fin) bt C Bruil (Nath), 15-13, 15-5; P Knowles (Eng) bt M Helber (Ger), 15-3, 18-17; P Experient (Cen) bt T-E Kristensom (Not), 15-4, 15-4; T Mendrek (Cz) bt T Wapp (Swiz), 15-5, 15-2; R Michels (Neth) bt P Alexason (Swe), 15-6, 15-11; H Sparre (For) bt M Korshuk (CSS), 17-14, 16-6; J van Dijk (Neth) bt B Krisjanseon (Ice), 15-10, 15-10; A Nislanen (Eng) bt P Vanneste (Bel), 15-2, 15-1; P Unitrov (CSS) bt R Fernandes (Por), 15-12, 15-2; R Lifegulat (Fin) bt J Olsson (Swe), 15-4, 1-15, 15-6; C Nyffenegger (Switt) bt J van Bouwel (Bel), 15-4, 9-15, 15-7; P Pelispassy (Neth) bt A Antropov (CSS), 2-15, 17-15, 18-15; R Magnusson (Swe) bt E Lie (Neth), 15-4, 17-14; T Stuer-Lauridsen (Den) bt J Koch (Austria), 15-4, 16-6. Second round: Hoyer-Lassan bt Andreeseon, 15-4, 15-12; Jentit bt Knowles, 15-7, 15-7; Liflequist bt Uwerov, 15-4, 15-10; Nyffenegger wo Pelupessy, scr; Stuer-Lauridsen bt Kingnusson, 15-8, 15-10; Nyffenegger wo Pelupessy, scr; Stuer-Lauridsen bt Magnusson, 15-8, 15-10; Nyffenegger wo Pelupessy, scr; Stuer-Lauridsen bt Magnusson, 15-8, 15-10; Nyffenegger wo Pelupessy, scr; Stuer-Lauridsen bt Magnusson, 15-8, 15-10; Nyffenegger wo Pelupessy, scr; Stuer-Lauridsen bt Magnusson, 15-8, 15-10; Nyffenegger wo Pelupessy, scr; Stuer-Lauridsen bt Magnusson, 15-8, 15-10; Nyffenegger wo Pelupessy, scr; Stuer-Lauridsen bt Magnusson, 15-8, 15-10; Nyffenegger wo Pelupessy, scr; Stuer-Lauridsen bt Magnusson, 15-8, 15-10; Hoteland (Neth) tr. 11-2; P Mampessy (Sel), 11-2, 11-4; C Magnus (Neth) bt K Konsovsia (Pol), 11-3, 11-3; M Hoogland (Neth) bt J Martynerko (CS), 11-3, 11-5; C Magnusson (Swe) bt C Mol (Fr), 11-6, 11-5; K Schmidt (Ger) bt D Kolevs (Sul), 11-1, 11-4; C Magnus on Swe) bt C Mol (Fr), 11-6, 11-5; K Schmidt (Ger) bt D Kolevs (Sul), 11-1, 11-4; C Magnus on Swe) bt C Mol (Fr), 11-6, 11-5; K Schmidt (Ger) bt D Kolevs (

weath and a second Baidewein, 11-1, 11-4; van den Heuvel bi Troke, 16-12, 11-9; 11-8; Bengtsson bit Hoogland, 11-4, 9-11, 13-8; Martin bit Muggenidge, 11-6; 11-3; Rybians bi Smilli, 11-6; 11-1; Megnueson bt Gibson, 11-6, 11-3; Schmidt wo van der Kresp, sor; Nedergaard bit Louis, 11-2, 11-7. Team event: Finalt Denmant 2, Sweden 3, Play-offs: Third place: England 3, CS 2 (England names first: Men's singles: P. Knowles tost to I Dimitrev, 6-15, 6-15; Women's singles: S Louis tost to E Rybkina, 11-1, 5-11, 6-11; Men's doubles: A Goode and N Ponting bit A Antropov and N Zueve, 16-18, 15-5, 17-15; Women's doubles: S Sankey and G Gowers bit N Ivanova and J Mertynento, 15-11, 15-0; Mixed doubles: Goode and G Clark bit M Konshuk and M Andriecskys, 15-17, 15-10. Fifth: Scotland 3, Neitherlands 2 (Scotland rames first: K Scotl test to J van Dijk, 9-15, 9-15; A Goboon bit A van der Krasp, 12-11, 11-7; K Middlemiss and R Hogg bt P Pelspessy and C Grus, 17-18. Krasp, 12-11, 11-7; K Middlemiss and R Hogg bt P Pelspessy and C Bruit, 17-18, 15-8, 15-8; Allen and E Allen lost to E van den Heuvel and M Hoogland, 9-15, 15-12, 7-15; Middlemiss and E Allen bt R Michels and S Mellink, 15-9, 15-4). Seventh: Germany 4, Potand 1 Ninth: Finland 4, Norway 1. Eleventh: Wales 3, Ireland 2 (Wales reames first: M Richards bit M Wat. 15-11, 15-5; K Morgan lost to C Doheny, 6-11, 7-11; C Rees and D Tonks bt P Ferrpuson and M Peerd, 15-11, 15-18, 15-9; S Williams and H Tarteton lost to Doheny and A Stephena, 15-2, 7-15, 7-15; Rees and Tarteton bt Peard and Ste-phens, 15-5, 15-5). Thirteenth: lostand 3,

7.30 unless stated **Barclays League** First division Man Utd v Southampton (8.0). Second division Sunderland v Plymouth (7.45) .. HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Hyde v Marina.

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HOCKEY AEWHA: Six nations' international girls' Easter tournament: Under-18: England v Spain (12.0); France v Germany (2.0), Netherlands v Scotland (4.0), Under-16:

FOR THE RECORD

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians B. Detroit Tigers 7: Toronto Site Jays 12. New York Yankees 8; Milwastee Brevers 11, Mencesta Twins 1; Kansas City Royals 3, Oakland A's 1; California Angels Royals 3, Oakland A's 1; California Angels 8, Taxas Rengers 1 s ATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 5, Atlanta Braves 4; St Louis Cardinals 3, Montreal Expos 1, Prinsburgh Phrates 3, Chicago Cubs 2, New York Mets 8, Philadelphia Phillies 5; Los Angeles Dodgers 6, Houston Astros 2; San Diego Padres 4, Sen Francisco Glants 0.

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New Jersey Nets 105, Marri Heat 100; New York Kritcks 93, Washington Bullets 90; Boston Carlics 99, Philadelphia 76ers 94; Cleveland Cavaliers 115, Chicago Bulls 100; Golden State Warriors 122, Minneaota Tembervolves 100; Houston Rockets 106, Portland Trail Blazers 96; Indiana Pacers 123, Charlotte Homess 98; Defroit Pistons 98, Milweukee Bucks 94 (CTT), San Antonio Spurs 120, Delfas Mawericka 108; Sacramento Kings 103, Los Angeles Cappers 97, Phoenix Suns 122, Sestite Supersonics 100

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OTHER SPORT BADMINTON: European championships individual events (10.0) and Finals (5.30)

SPEEDWAY: World championship: Brit-ish quarter-linal (Middlesbrough, 7 30).

Tetley Bitter Challenge

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Play-off: Second leg: London Towers 74 (R Scantis-bury 15), Derby Bucks 73 (Lascelles 15). London win best-off-three series, 2-0. EUROPEAN CLUBS* CHAMPIONSHIP-Sertificial, Jesseying Rechtigus, (Sch. 87). **BOWLS**

ELY: Robert Hutchinson Opticians in-ternational Masters: Semi-finals: K King (Ely) bt A Allook (Benthem), 4-9, 9-5, 9-2; G Harlow (Ely) bt J Ottoway (Wymondham Dell), 9-8, 9-5. BLACKPOOL: Greenalis Weterloo spring tournament: Second-round win-ners: E Garth (Greet Eccleston), M Colo-(Warmington), I James (Wilmstow), R Clegg (Acciregion), M Holcroft (Black-pool), M Havitson (Black-pool), R Preston (Longnidge), D Farrell (Upper Mill), A Prescot (Leigh), R Duncan (Lostock Hall), G Logen (Mosely).

BOXING BOXING

GATESHEAD: George Wimpey ABA semi-finels: England v Wales: Light-figweight: D Pfiseld (Henley) w/o (no Welsh entry). Fly: M Horobin (St Pancas) bit N Swam (Galfach Goch), pts. Bentam: P Mullings (St Patrick's) bit R Vowles (Lankeran), rsc 1st rnd. Feather: A Temple (Hartlepool Welfare) bit B Jones (Highfield). ptb. Light: M Newton (Coed Evs) bit A Green (Pall Thomas), pts. Light-welter: A Stone (Empire) bit J Williams (Gwent), noc 2nd md. Welfare: B Thomogood (Highfield) bit P Burns (Gemini), pts. Light-middle: J Calzaghe (Newbridge) bit D Francis (Basingstoke), rsc 2nd md. Middle: L Woolcock (Canvey) w/o C Wirstone (Pantypool). Light-heavy: K Oliver (Bracebridge) bit D Hitchings (Pontypodd), noc 1st rnd Heavy: R Fenton (Pentwyn) bit C Henry (New Enterprise), pts. Super-heavy: D Holness (St Pancas) w/o (no Welsh entry).

ICE HOCKEY

RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCH: Hanen Sheld Districts 3, World XV 74 (in Timaru, New Zealand). ALLOA BREWERY CUP: Quarrenfinals: Glasgow High-Kevinside 40, Watsonlans 23; Herlots 6, Currie 12; Stirling County 32, Edinburgh Academicals 17. Digital Trophy: Semi-finals Keleo Harlequine 33, Stirling County 8.

Tennents Midlande Cup: Third round: Hithoots 4, Morgan Academy FP 30; Duntermine 0, Dundee HSFP 16; Alloa 27, Howe of Frie 7.



Michael Stich: beaten in Hong Kong

TYPHOO WOMEN'S LEAGUE First division: Final table P W D L F A Pts

TABLE TENNIS STUTTGART: European team champ-lonships: Women: Finst: Romania bi The Netherlands, 3-1.

TENNIS

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TAMPA, Florida: ATP men's tournement: First round: M Gorriz (Sp) bi J
Pelmer (US), 2-6, 8-3, 6-4; J Eltingh; (Neth)
bi G Bezecry (US), 6-3, 1-4, 6-4; F Rosea
(Br) bi M ingaramo (Arg), 7-5, 6-2; M
Washington (US) bi J Apell (Swe), 6-2, 83, J-P Fleurien (Fr) bi H de la Pene (Arg),
6-4, 6-3; F Davin (Arg) bit R Fromberg
(Aus), 6-4, 6-3; A Agassi (US) bit R
Bressch (Ger), 6-3, 6-3
NICE: Men's tournament: Second
round: G Markus (Arg) bit R Gilbert (Fr), 76, 7-5; T Champion (Fr) bit M Rosset
(Switz), 3-6, 7-5, 7-6, M Larrason (Swe) bit F
Clavet (Sp), 1-6, 6-3, 7-5; F Sentono (Fr) bit
O Delatre (Fr), 7-6, 7-5.
HOUSTON: Women's tournament: First

round: S Cecohini (II) bt L Harvey-Wild (US), 3-8, 6-3, 6-3; I Majoli (Croatis) bt L Devemport (US), 8-3, 6-4; S Hock (Ger) bt L A Garveiton (Med., 8-3, 6-3; C Rubin (US) bt L Allen (US), 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; M Meticene (Switz) bt C McGregor (US), 6-3, 6-2; L Gidemeister (Peru) bt F Bonstgnori (II), 6-2, 6-6; E Burgin (US) bt J Sentrock (US), 7-5, 6-4; H Ctoffi (US) bt P O'Reilly (US), 6-1, 6-2

6-4: H Cloffi (US) bt P O'Reitly (US), 6-1, 6-2. HONG KONG: Men's tournament: Second round: K Curren (US) bt M Stich (Ger), 6-1, 6-3; G Muller (SA) bt B Steven (KZ), 6-4, 6-2; T Woodbrige (Aus) bt P Baur (Ger), 6-4, 6-0; J Courier (US) bt M Demm (Cz), 6-2, 6-1. GOLF

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Poyes), 40, 76: 117: S Webster
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(Broadsone), 37, 81: K Batter (Liteshall
Haft), 42, 76: 118: G Motron (Rosaendiale),
41, 78, A Farmer (Glimacotin), 40, 79: 121:
D Howell (Broome Manor), 43, 78; C
Robinson (Brookmans Park), 43, 78: J
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(Long Ashton), 43, 79; T Layton
(Long Ashton), 43, 79; T McGairk
(Princes), 40, 62; R Done (Pleasington),
39, 83; T Smith (Minchinhampton), 39, 83;
S Drummond (Shifted), 38, 83,
WEST Hill.: Fether and some foursomes: Third round: J Baldwin
(Tarchidge) and A J Baldwin (E Berles) bi
W A Taid (N Wilts) and N J Tail (Marshonough), 4 and 3; J A and R Piggott (W
Middlesex) bi R S and S J Cox (Burnham
Besches), 2 holes; D H and A D J Greenheigh (Royal Mid-Surrey) bit B E and A N
Prince (West Hall), 23rd; A C and J A
Stapleton (Gernards Cross) bit E D Sond
(Fundiey Common) and D C Bond (Wentworth), 3 and 2; T W G and R Betts (Maninge Heath) bit V F Davis (Wykis Green)
and M V Davis (Sudbury), 6 and 5; P J R
and A W Bathurst (Heriday Common) bit K
3 and M J Med-Las (Tendridge), 3 and 2;
R J and J R Levelle (Bertstrine) bit P C
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W Norlok), 4 and 3; I W and A R W Boyd
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(Coombe Hill), 3 and 2; B White (Haddey)
and D R Baster (Holeshe) bit S A E and
C S G Staveley (Hunstanton), 4 and 3; R
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FOOTBALL 35

Charlton gives Sheridan recall to Irish squad

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JOHN Sheridan could scarcely have timed his return to fitness after a long spell out with a knee injury any better. Just weeks after returning to join Sheffield Wednesday's bid to claim a Uefa Cup spot next season. Sheridan has been recalled to the Republic of Ireland squad for the friendly international against the 1994 World Cup finals hosts, the United States, in Dublin on April 29.

Sheridan has not played for the Irish since being substi-tuted in the 2-1 win in Hungary in September and since then he has had two knee operations. His fitness now proved, the treland manager, Jack Charlton, has wasted little time in restoring him to the Republic's midfield.

However, while Sheridan has returned, the FA Cup finalists John Byrne, Ray Houghton and Ronnie Whelan, have had to drop out of the squad. Byrne, who scored twice as the Irish narrowly failed to qualify for the European championship finals with a 3-1 win in Turkey last November, faces Liverpool's Houghton and Whelan at Wembley just ten days after the Dublin match. Charlton has decided to avoid any possible rift with the two clubs. Byrne was also rested from the friendly against

fourth consecutive international missed, through injuries, by Houghton. Whelan was recalled by

Chariton for that game after nearly 18 months in the international wilderness, but headed an own goal before an equaliser by Tommy Coyne and a late penalty from John Aldridge gave the Irish vic-tory. Both Coyne and Aldridge retain their places in

Charlton, who was today travelling home after taking his first look at the Republic's World Cup qualifying group rivals, Lithuania, in a 4-0 defeat in Austria last night, has also given the Crystal Palace winger, Eddie McGoldrick, another chance to secure an international future. McGoldrick damaged knee ligaments during the opening minutes of his debut against Switzerland and he said yesterday: "It's a relief to have another opportunity and I'm very hopeful of play-ing for Palace in two Easter fixtures after having intensive treatment since I got the

O'Brien, Liam Newcastle United, a substitute against the Swiss, is another absentee this time while the veteran Blackburn defender. Kevin Moran, and the Middlesbrough forward, Bernie Slaven, are also out

because of promotion-chas-ing commitments with their second division clubs on the same night.

The Republic open their World Cup qualifying campaign against Albania in Dublin on May 29 and leave immediately afterwards for a four-team international tournament in America, featuring Italy and Portugal.

☐ Rafael Martin Vázquez has been left out of Spain's

squad for the first match in their qualifying group for the 1994 World Cup. The omission of the former Real Madrid midfield player, now in Italy with Torino, was

the only surprise in the 16man squad for next Wednesday's meeting with Albania in When the sides last met, in Seville in December 1990. Spain won 9-0 with Emilio

Butragueno scoring four

goals. The match was a European championship qualifier



Double-gazing. Ribalta, left, and his opponent, Bruno, indulge in some of the psychological build-up in Northampton yesterday

Bruno counters shot at his eyesight

By Srikumar Sen BOXING CORRESPONDENT

FRANK Bruno is in danger of losing his eyesight if he carries on boxing. That was the warning given to Bruno yesterday by Jose Ribalta, the Cuban-born heavyweight whom Bruno faces at Wembley Arena next week.

Ribalta said that the human body was not made to receive blows and that the eye problems of Sugar Ray Leonard and Sugar Ray Seales, a former Olympic champion, who had lost his eyesight. proved his point

Frank Bruno is a nice guy but he should not be fighting. He could lose his eyesight, Ribalta said. "The human body is not meant to be banged on. If he goes on, he can damage his eyes. Look at this guy Mason, he's smart, he pulled out.

Bruno can't avoid the truth. Every time he steps into the ring he's in danger of losing his eyesight like Sugar Ray Seales. The doctors are saying that Sugar Ray Leonard's eyes are also bad

Ribalta's warning came at a press conference in Northampton, Bruno deciding to meet his opponent at a halfway house rather than come all the way to London from his training camp in Leices-tershire to publicise the forthcoming bout on April 22. Bruno was taken aback at

his old problem being given a public airing again, especial-ly after the British Boxing Board of Control had given him the clearance to box last September. Bruno's eyes postively bulged as he looked across the table at Ribalta. For once he was out of "nice ones" and "you know what I mean, Harrys". He was surprised that the man who had come here to be the archetyp-

al opponent, named though he was, was talking like the house fighter. Bruno struck back. "Talk is cheap. I am not in any more danger than any other boxer. If you look at Jose he's in more danger. If you get a camera there and look at my face and his face you will see

He's made so many excuses. he is now talking about my eyes. He said I had a detached retina. It wasn't a detached retina, it was a torn retina. It makes me angry." Bruno's promoter, Mickey Duff, tried to steer questions

away from the subject. "It's a subject I'd like to get off," he said. "It's a little too personal. Frank Bruno is fit and ready. The merits of this fight is not dependent on Bruno's retina.

"We found a capable guy in Jose Ribalta and I'm sorry José taiks about his eyes. I know the surgeon. Bruno is in no danger. He starts off with the same advantage or disadvantage as any other fighter." But Ribalta was not to be eyes in the fight," he said. "I'll go for other targets but I'll go specially for the eyes. He should not be fighting. If I had a torn retina I would not

fight."
Duff said: "Frank Bruno's financial position is such that he doesn't need to fight. He is the first to admit if he loses he is finished. If he lost I don't think he'd need my advice to quit." Bruno agreed.

Bruno had no intention of losing. To complaints by Ribalta's manager, Felix Pintor, about the English referee being judge and jury, Bruno replied: "I don't think I'll need a referee. I'll let my fists do the talking and keep

Eager Gooch carries on

GRAHAM Gooch will continue as England cricket captain this summer. The England committee, meeting at Lord's, yesterday confirmed his appointment for the series with Pakistan.

The appointment was widely anticipated. Gooch has now captained the side in 23 Tests with considerable success, after an inauspicious beginning against West Indies in 1988, and there is, anyway, no obvious alternative candidate, at least until the International Cricket to continue for what is expect-

Council discusses the ban on ed to be his final series as the South African rebels in captain with an alacrity not matched by his opposite number, Imran Khan, whose presence this summer is s matter for speculation.

ager, Micky Stewart, a soulmate, have presided over a distinct upturn in England's fortunes. There was no cricket played at Lord's yesterday, but Gooch, who had missed the second day of Essex's match against England A because of flu, was at the

He accepted the invitation

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With or without Imran.

If anything, that is an un-derstatement, Waqar Younis taking 151 wickets in all competitions last season. His fitness has also been in doubt, but Gooch gave even less cre-dence to suggestions that he would not tour. "Yes, I expect him be fit," he said. "He's a very fine bowler, very fast, with the ability to swing the old ball. With Wasim bowling fast left-arm at the other end.

With that in mind, selection will not be the least of mer. A vice-captain will be appointed by the selection committee, whose first task will be to pick a side for the first of the Texaco Trophy one-day internationals in

They've a past record of players saying they are not going to be fit to play, then they turn up," Gooch said. "If Imran didn't come it would be a blow to their team, not least because he is still a very good cricketer."

Gooch had no illusions about the quality of the opposition England will be facing. They've a number of talented players, and if they click at the same time they are a very good side," Gooch said.
"What I think is relevant is that their three bowlers have all had experience and a degree of success in our conditions."

it will be a tremendous challenge to the English

S Africans arrive, page 34

Legendary Nijinsky put down at Kentucky stud

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

NIJINSKY, an outstanding racehorse who became one of the world's most influential stallions, was humanely destroyed yesterday at Claiborne Farm, Kentucky, yesterday. He was 25.

Annette Covault, a spokeswoman for Claiborne, said yesterday: "He had not been looking as good as normal then this morning he was found lying down in his stall and would not get up. There was no specific illness, time just caught up with him."

Trained in Ireland by Vincent O'Brien, Nijinsky won 11 of his 13 career starts, including the Triple Crown of the 2,000 Guineas. Derby and St Leger in 1970. "He was a truly great racehorse," O'Brien said. "I am fortunate to have been associated with him."

Lester Piggott, who partnered Nijinsky to his greatest triumphs, echoed O'Brien. "He was one of the best I have ever ridden," he said. "He was a wonderful horse, his own man. I thought the best race he ran was in the King George at Ascot. I have very fond memories of Nijinsky and I am sad to see him go."

Nijinsky was the first of the Northern Dancer sire line which was to become so prevalent at the highest levels of European racing. He was an enormously successful stallion in his own right, including such as the Derby winners Golden Fleece and Shahrastani among his topclass progeny.

Personally, I will always regard Nijinsky as being one of the greatest race-horses it has been my privilege to see in thirty years of professional involvement in the sport.

Perhaps not as fine as either Sea Bird II or Mill Reef in the autumn of their three-year-old careers, simply because he did not win the Prix de l'Arc Triomphe, but still magnificent.

I will always believe that in different circumstances Nijinsky would have won the Arc instead of being beaten in a photo-finish by

Sassafras. His preparation for the St Leger had been ruined by an attack of ringworm yet Nijinsky still appeared to win the St Leger more or less as he pleased at Doncaster given a deceptive ride by Lester Piggott. Deep down, though, Nijinsky had had a harder preparatory race for the Arc than O'Brien would have liked as he knuckled under to owner Charles Engelhard's sporting quest to go for the elusive Triple Crown.

On Arc day Nijinsky was in a lather, his condition hardly helped by a horde of photographers who hounded him around the paddock. All that took its toll. No one was more wary of that than Piggott who, in an attempt to conserve the energy of one so highly strung, came from some way off the pace. Arguably, on ground that did not suit him, Nijinsky got there to win his race a hundred yards from home only to lose it on the line.

It was not the true Nijinsky, not the horse we had seen sweep past a top-class field to win the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth

Stakes at Ascot in July. As we gazed in appreciation at Nijinsky in the un-saddling enclosure that day the big colt suddenly cocked his neck and looked skywards. It was the look of eagles. I can recall the moment as clearly now, and I

Birmingham bids for badminton

By RICHARD EATON

ENGLAND, battling with Sweden, the world champions, for the gold medal in the European table tennis championships in Stuttgart last night, were also hoping to hit the jackpot with their bid to host the next championships. A successful outcome, news of which should be known today, would cap one of the most memorable weeks for years for the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA).

The men's quartet under Donald Parker, the English manager — Carl Prean, Chen Xinhua, Alan Cooke and Matthew Syed - has lived up to its burdensome boast of being the best English team since the Fifties with 4-2 victories over Austria and France. Now Alan Ransome, the ETTA chairman, hopes to have shown that he has put together a complicated, expensive and convincing bid for the burgeoning European

tournament If the championships were to reach Birmingham's National Indoor Arena in two years time, they should have between 40 and 50 nations participating, a substantial majority of the leading men players in the world, and costs as high as £1 million. Ransome and his team matches.

its political situation obliged it to withdraw as host nation - to put together the complex costing, funding and logistics. England's presentation

have had only a few weeks -

since Yugoslavia decided that

was reportedly good, and if successful they will host the European championships for the first time since 1966.

Meanwhile, Germany, who lost their chance of repeating the silver medal they won in Gothenburg last time by being beaten 4-1 by France on Monday, won the thirdplace play-off match 4-1 against the French, for whom Jean-Philippe Gatien, the English Open champion, was resting.Gatien had played brilliantly against England in Tuesday's semi-final, win-ning both his matches, and his absence made the third-place match a disappointing

affair, although Damien Eloi, the little left-hander, did well. Eloi won 24-22 in the final game against Swifen Fetzner, the German No. 2, who is Jorg Rosskopi, the world No. 9, who has been playing well enough to make a medal challenge in the men's singles starting today, won both his

Being in at the birth made the nerves jangle

WHEN our captain, David Graveney, announced that there was an audience awaiting me and John Glendenen, my opening partner. I felt disorientated. The cold hut that does service as the away dressing-room in the Parks does not give a clear view of the pitch and I was unaware that the umpires and Oxford University's side were al-ready waiting for us in the

freezing gloom. The audience Graveney had meant, however, turned out to be a posse of photographers and journalists keen to record this unique moment. I wished my wide eyed partner good luck, as much to off-

Paul Parker describes his feelings as he opened Durham's first innings as a first-class cricket county

load some of my own nervousness as the import of our mission at last became crystal clear: we were the first batsmen to represent Dur-ham in first-class cricket.

It was difficult to concentrate. I took the first, historic ball but we were both nervous as our opening shots no doubt showed. Mine was a thick outside edge to third man to open Durham's ac-count; Glendenen's was an involuntary uppish snick out-

side off stump which evaded cover and trickled to the I found my mind wander-

ing. I tried to think only head still, watch the ball but ended up asking myself "what am I doing here?" It was a bit late to be pondering the ramifications of a decision taken late last summer. After 17 years with Sussex. the chance to join Durham's great adventure had offered perhaps the most exciting challenge of my cricket

Cold reality brought into sharp focus problems which had seemed easily solved from an armchair in midwinter. Was it wise to split up my family for the summer? I have taken a flat in Durftam. leaving my wife to guard the hearth and bring up the children until the summer holidays, when they will all join me.

Standing at the crease, I had an irrational but keen yearning to see my wife. At once. I flayed at a widish delivery and the ball came off an inside edge, hit my boot and trickled past my off

I redoubled my efforts to concentrate. "Move your feet, bend the left knee." Had

forting surroundings of the antique pavilion at Hove. Durham has no headquarters at present and practice in earnest only began at Boldon Cricket Club, north of Sunderland, on April 9. I got lost three times on the outskirts of the city trying to find the ground. At Hove, I had only to walk 300 yards from my front door.

have been in the almost com-

With my score 18, I drove at a wide delivery and was put down - a difficult chance to mid-off. The possibility of failure crossed my mind. After all, I had been brought I made the correct move? It in to help to ensure a successwould have been far easier to ful first-class launch. I *

watched Glendenen, a force-ful right-hander, strike the ball imperiously to the boundary Soon afterwards. I managed to get a boundary myself. Nature had finally taken over and my concentration improved as the doubts faded. Our partnership and Durham were on their way.

☐ By the time rain ended play at tanchtime on Tuesday. Parker was 50 not out and Durham were 119 for no wicket. Rain and sleet prevented any play yesterday.

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Diabolical libertines

The Fiery Angel, Prokofiev's neglected opera, whirled back to London this week in a spectacular Anglo-Russian production.

Richard Morrison praises a work never heard by its composer

ore devils than in The Devils. Steamier scenes of mass hysteria than in The Crucible. A heroine whose taste in occult kinkiness makes the average Hammer vampire seem like a very dull old bat. Religious fantasies that never occurred to St Joan in her wildest dreams. Bit parts for the Devil, Faust and the Inquisition. Stripping nuns, Errol-Flynnesque sword-play; jock-strapped demons looking like balding Chippendales. And, as comic relief, the consumption of a live child—though Esther Rantzen will be glad to learn that he is regurgitated, alive and well.

This is Prokofiev's The Fiery Angel, as staged by David Freeman for the Royal Opera — and greatly entertaining hocuspocus it is, too. Not since Ken Russell filmed his last nuns' orgy have so many habits been ripped off to reveal so many naked chests writhing on that exceedingly fine line between religious and sexual ecstasy.

ecstasy.

The talk is of little except devil-worship, spells, cabals, exorcism — superstitions which appear to have gripped the early 20th-century Russian Symbolists (from where the opera's story emanated) as much as they did 16th-century Germany (where it is set). The protagonist is Renata, obsessed with rediscovering in human form her "fiery angel", who appeared in a series of visions that began when she was eight and culminated in attempted seduction not

much later. Now she is possessed by tormenting demons. The audience must surely wonder when Peter Cushing will stride purposefully on and put the poor girl out of her misery with a well-aimed stake through the heart. Meanwhile, the long-suffering Ruprecht, whose actions suggest he has a brain the size of a pea. becomes obsessed by her. The drama is certainly not in the dour realist tradition.

Yet the opera grips the attention for a compelling reason: Prokofiev's score is magnificent. Its driving rhythmic patterns exactly match Renata's neurotic and doomed quest for the carnal love that she hopes will revive her spiritual visions. Its surprisingly lush lyrical passages breathe warmth and humanity into characters that would otherwise seem like rag-dolls tossed around in some playroom of the deities. Its startling and insidiously slimy chromaticism unmistakably evokes a slowly spreading stain of poison. And there is black humour, as when Mephistopheles is performing his tired old conjuring tricks, accompanied by a burlesque of oily arpeg-

gios on the clarinet.

But what chiefly stays in the mind is the sound of the great orchestral climaxes, especially as the opera reaches its orginatic finale, where Renata's evil spirits start to possess the convent in which she has sought refuge. Here the music is like a colossal struggle in the darkness: there are nuns chanting heaven knows what incantation to God or Devil: Renata pleading

for release in great arching phrases; the malign Inquisitor growling out his baleful message of clerical revenge; and, from the orchestral pit, brutish brass chords and unexpectedly weird sonorities. Surely this is one of the most astonishing conclusions in opera.

That is certainly the way it seems when conducted with the idiomatic verve and indomitable vigour that Sir Edward Downes brings to it. Even the Covent Garden orchestra's occasional rough edges seemed to add to the music's demonic drive. Why, then, has it taken our century — which is not exactly prissy about tackling sex with a sado-masochistic twist on stage — so long to add The Flery



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Angel to the brief list of 20thcentury operas in regular production?

The answer is complex. Prokofiev spent nearly seven years in the 1920s setting Valery Bryusov's music. What made him choose this story - based on a real-life ménage d trois that had titillated literary Moscow -- is unclear. It was a time when nearly every large-scale composing project he completed drew derision or hostility from critics and audiences in America, France and England. Perhaps he recognised. in Renata's crazy pursuit of a God-figure who turns out to be the Devil, some parallel with his own selfdestructive impulse to make his living from composition.

He took a house near Oberammergau, the passion-play village in Bavaria, so that he could feel that this tale of religious neurosis might have "taken place in the backyard". Yet he had been given no assurances of a staging: and when this epic psycho-drama was finished one opera company after another made their excuses and declined it.

The composer was not surprised. He admitted that staging The Fiery Angel was made difficult by "a few but rather serious violations of the rules of dramaturgy" — of which the most glaring is Renata's immense Act I solo: possibly the longest flashback in operatic history. Then there are the frightening demands on the technique and stamina of the singer playing Renata — demands that are heroically met in the present production

by the powerhouse Siberian soprano Galina Gorchakova. And of course, there is the small matter of specifying a chorus of hallucinating nuns for just the last 20 minutes.

After a while, Prokofiev gave up trying to flog the Angel. Then, mysteriously, the score went missing — for over 20 years. By the time it surfaced (in a music publisher's archive) and was given a concert performance, Prokofiev was dead. Despairing of ever hearing it on the stage, he had turned some of the opera into his Third Symphony.

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Since then the work has been staged intermittently, but not as often as its quality warrants. In a curious way, Stalin is to blame. Prokofiev wrote The Fiery Angel during his years of self-imposed exile. When he returned to the Swiffeld in the 1020.

posed exile. When he returned to the Soviet fold in the 1930s, the Soviet musical authorities found that, for ideological reasons, they were unable to approve of any music written by Prokofiev during his years in the "decadent" West. In fact The Fiery Angel was singled out by Stalin's cultural henchman, Zhdanov, for special vilification — and, in truth, the opera's subject-matter might be considered a trifle rich for the tractor drivers of the Ukraine. That verdict held good in the Soviet Union until

the Gorbachev era.

Did the West respond by heaping praise on Prokofiev's "decadent" output? Unfortunately, no. The very fact that Prokofiev returned to Stalin's Russia, and then churned out dutiful rubbish such as the cantata Flourish, Mighty Home-

land! — alongside acknowledged masterpieces such as War and Peace — has tarnished his reputation. We do not hear in Prokofiev's music the silent scream of protest that we detect in Shostakovich's. Prokofiev's very versatility — the apparent ease with which he turned his craft to anything from a film score for Eisenstein to a hymn for Stalin — has, until recently, been

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So there is irony in the fact that the present Covent Garden staging is a co-production with the Kirov Opera of St Petersburg. During his lifetime, the Maryinsky Theatre (home of the Kirov) was an unhap-

opera of st retersburg. During his lifetime, the Maryinsky Theatre (home of the Kirov) was an unhappy place for Prokofiev. The Gambler was due to be premiered there in 1916; the singers rebelled and it was not staged until 1929. Then in 1934, when Prokofiev produced his great ballet Romeo and Juliet, the rival Kirov and Bolshoi companies impudently passed the unperformed masterpiece back and forth between them; it did not get staged until 1940.

Now, though, the Kirov has realised that even a distinguished Russian cultural institution can no longer exist on increasingly shaky state subsidy in an increasingly shaky state. Its "export" deals have the potential to bring in foreign currency. In return the Royal Opera gains access to the Kirov's singers and dancers.

And what singers! The value of having a Russian speaker as Renata is clear from Gorchakova's first solo, when her story pours out



Sinister, sinuous presence: the St Petersburg Maryinsky Acrobatic Troupe in the Royal Opera and Kirov Opera collaboration

in a torrent of agitation. Sergei Leiferkus's brilliantly sung Ruprecht is problematical only because such a commanding vocal presence sits oddly inside such a wimpish character — but that is more a fault of Freeman's direction which, for all its later brazenness, allows a cool detachment to settle over the first hour. David Roger's minimal flats do not help.

Elsewhere, Paata Burchuladze's

Elsewhere, Paata Burchuladze's barrel-voiced Inquisitor, Ian Caley's ringing delivery as the "arch-magus" Agrippa, and Robert Tear's properly hammy Mephisopheles all impressed. Most of all, however, it is the St Petersburg Maryinsky Acrobatic Troupe, representing the demons — shavenheaded, pasty-faced, and writhing

on parallel bars round the sides of the stage — that sets the tone of Freeman's production, just as the slow-motion wrestlers did in his staging of Philip Glass's Akhnaten. The sinister, sinuous presence of these gymnasts by itself makes the Anglo-Russian collaboration worth celebrating.

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TOMORROW aith and the country parson

Adonis, subtle with words, seeks green type

nce. a thousand years ago now. I worked for one of those London listings magazines wherein people who don't like films or plays very much suggest which cinemas and theatres you might most hate visiting each week. At the back of the magazine are usually a couple of hundred ads from men and — rarely — women who lead fulfilling, well-paid, eventful and happy lives in all but the fact that they've nobody to share the money, the events and the happiness with.

I suppose I'd always assumed that the advertisers in the lonely hearts column told a version of the truth. But one week I happened to be hanging around in the classified ads office when a lonely heart came in person to pick up the replies to his ad. He was a big man in the overstated way that Cyril Smith is a big man, but sort of, well, bigger. Such fluffy wisps of hair as remained on his head had been yanked, screaming, across his pate and held down with what looked like blobs of neat Cookeen, the excess of which was smeared on one lens of his glasses. He wore a pair of baggy, pinstriped trousers with a check jacket over a green Hawaiian shirt. The Boy David he

asn't. Who knows? He might have been a Regius Professor of Greek or a coming young heart surgeon who played clariner for the LSO on his afternoons off. His conversation. notwithstanding the fluting stutter and slight wheeze, might have been light and witty, his manners in spite of the flecks of spittle on his chinfaultless. It is, I know, not fair to judge on mere appearance, but from where I was standing he didn't look much of a catch. Why, then, was he collecting three dozen box number replies?

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I looked up his original ad. I can't remember it word for word but it was to the effect that Ronald Coleman's better-looking, nattier-dressed and more athletic brother could use somebody to share a jet-setting life visiting the more secluded Caribbean resorts. According to the classified ads manager the man placed the identical ad every week and every week came to collect the details of his dozens of volunteers.

I wasn't sure what to make of all this. The man must have known that "good-looking, successful entrepreneur with sense of humour isn't generally taken to be synonymous with "obese and charmless loser" and that the girl waiting under the clock at Waterloo with the copy of The Times under her arm wasn't likely to hang around long enough to be convinced that

PRIVATE LIFE

John Diamond on what lies behind

lonely hearts ads



within that adipose chest beat a sclerotic heart of purest gold. Perhaps he believed that statistical lie that most men have heard and wanted, against their better judgment, to believe true, to wit that if any man, however unappealing, approaches every women in a crowded pub and says, simply "Will you go to bed with me?", the law of averages states that he will almost certainly not sleep alone that night.

Or then again, perhaps he really did believe he was God's gift and couldn't understand why the only women he ever saw anywhere near the clock at Waterloo were all running towards the tracks ripping copies of *The Times* into streds.

What reminded me of all of this

is that last week a friend confessed

that he was actually, he didn't know how to put this, and promise I wouldn't laugh, er, um. thinking of putting a lonely hearts ad in the magazine for which I used to work. He'd got most of it about worked out — "charming, witty journalist..." — but was stuck over one word. Would I. he wanted to know. describe him as "good looking"? I saw his problem. Men don't have any sense of their own looks in the way that women do. Ask a woman whether she thinks she's beautiful or attractive (which is not the same thing) and she will tell you. More: she will tell you in which way she looks good and to what extent all the bits of her work together. Her legs are thus, but her ankles thus, her eyes which are thus are compensated for by her lips which are considered rather, well, thus.

Ask a man the same question and the nearest you'll get to an answer is "I've had no complaints so far" — and even that small boast is considered a trifle immodest.

Asking one man what he thinks of another man's looks is even more fraught. I once hazarded that an absent friend of the six men I was dining with was a good-looking bastard and spent the rest of the evening fending off guffawing enquiries about the extent of my Bette Midler collection.

None of which helped my lonelyhearted friend who knew that anything less than "stunningly handsome" in an ad is assumed to be a euphemism for "OK in bad light if you stand up-wind of him" and that "stunningly handsome" probably doesn't mean much to those who further assume that anyone who needs to advertise in a lonely hearts column can't be up to much anyway. We settled on "attractive?, reasoning that attraction is more deeply in the eye of the beholder than beauty, and then we had another couple of drinks and changed it to "said to be attractive" and then crossed that out and changed "witty" to "very witty" instead. He sighed and looked at me with the irritation of one who has just been told a known truth by a friend. "At least", he said. brightening, "I don't have my picture in the paper every week cropped at the top so I look bald as a coot." "No." I said. "There is that.

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WILLIAM TELL: John Cax's production of Rossini's opera, conducted now as in the production's first incarnation by the production's institutional by Nichel Plazon, has the impressive Gregory Yursich in the title role, while the taking part of Amodi is taken by the high tenor Chris Merritt, Jane Eaglen Like Sterole of Matthide and Patricia

NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF Kempl, the 14-year-old wanner of this year's BBC Young Musician of the Year is solors in Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganen in a programme conducted by Christopher Seaman. The orchestra also performs Sibelius's Symphony No 3 in C major, Bartok's suite from The f.traculous Mandann and Resorghi's The

emer of name Symphony Hall, Broad Street, Berningham (021-212 3333), Spin. CITY OF LONDON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: British violinist Madeleni Nitchell gives the world premiere of Piers Hallawell's new concerto. Piers Hallaneu's meniculation to, Quadruple Elegy, rispired by the political upheavals in Eastern Europe

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DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Juliet Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superti in Anel Dorfman's Chilean signer in Ane Comman's Chilean collect drama. Best play of 1991. Duke of York's, St Maron's Lane, W.C. 1071-836 51221. Mon-Sat, 8pn mas Thurs. 3pm. Sat, 4pm. 120mm; IR Geraldine Janes and Paul Freem join Michael Byrne as from next weel

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GOOD ROCKEN TONITE: Satisfying musical celebrating Fiftees and Sortes pop classics: Great stuff. Playhouse, Northemberland Avenue (2), 2014 AUS March 1997. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue 1071-839 4401). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sar. 5-30pm and 8-30pm 150mms

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NEW RELEASES

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to acts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

during the late Eighties. This concert also marks the CLCO's Queen Elizabeth Hall debut. The programme is conducted by Christopher Zimmerman and includes the overtime to Rossmi's La Ceneratola, Britten's Serenade for tenor, horn and stangs hwith Philip Langndge as the singer) and Beethoven's Fourth Symphony.

GEH, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7 45pm.

STARS OF THE BOLSHOI BALLET: begraning in London this week. Then are two programmes on offer for the season, comprising Act II of Sman Lake and a selection of divertissements in the first, Gioeffe Act II and various other first, Gioeffe Act II and various other popular pas de deux in the second. A sampler for the full Bolsho: company which comes to the Albert Hall next

928 8800). 7 45pm.

Road, London W1 (071-580 9562) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats today, Sat, 2.30pm

THE GRAVITY SWIMS: The acrobatic troupe Ra-Ra Zoo are up to their dever tricks again, tumbling, awinging and dangling on ropes, in this writy and chairming new show which plays in London as part of a nationwide tour.

Offlord. His Landon residency continues until April 25. Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, London W1 (071–439 0747), 8 30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre showing in London

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0411/928 6363) Mon-Sat, 7 15pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2pm. 210mins. □ MOBY DICL: A gar's school puts on a fund-raising show. Tony Monopoly plays a headmestest playing Captain Ahab Beached musical Plocadilly, Derman Street, W1 (071-867 Hills), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

THE NIGHT OF THE IGLIANA: an The recent of the legisler Albus Affred Mollina and a superb Eileen Albus in Termessee Williams; play on the effects of sesual repression. National (Lyttletion), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight, Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm, 180mers.

☐ THE POCKET DREAM: Foolish burlesque of A McCummer Night's Dream, with Mike McShare and Sandi Tolssing, Dedicated fans only Albery, St Martin's Lane, WCZ (071-867 1115) Tues-Sat, 7 45pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3pm, 135mms.

THE RECRUITING OFFICER: Nicholas Hytner's good-natured production, rather too good to be true to the play's darker content. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 1071-928 2252), Tonight, Sat, 7.15pm, mal Sat, 2pm 165mins BEFLECTED GLORY: Albert Finney very furnity as the victim of a play by his brother. Stephen Moore; after the good start Ronald Harwood's new curredy peters out.

nedy peters out. udaville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, Spm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed. 2.30pm, Sat, Spm. SOME LIKE IT HOT: But what we get is lukewarm. Torniny Steele in poor musical version of the film Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm 165mins.

Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, may Sat 7.30pm.

mat Sat. 2.30cm. TOSHIKATSU ENDO: A leading figure in Japanese contemporary art, Endo has recently been recognised also in the West, particulary after his appearance at the 1990 Vennce Bernnale. This show is entitled "Farth, Aur, Fire, Water", suggesting the Zen simplicity and directness of his work, and reminding us that cather his matterial failure his

that setting his materials alight has been a favounte technique. It is partly philosophical, recalling sacrifice and cremation, and partly visual, delighting in the rich textures which result. Also showing, the minimal carivasses of the Scot Callum links, streaked and stained and oddly haunting. ICA, The Mail, London SW1 (071-930 0493) Daily midday-9pm, opens today until May 24

ARTURO SANDOVAL: The renowned Cuban trumpeter who defected to America in 1990 is currently playing formage to another great horn player, Clifford Brown, the subject of his

UNCLE VANYA: Tonight lan McKellen and Antony Sher give a special late-right performance of Sean Mathias's per not means: us 2001 models 5 5 production which is now sold out for the complete run. Tickets are priced at £30, £25 and £10 and proceeds will go to the Ian Charleson Trust, the family of Syd Hill, and the National Treating

☐ I STAND BEFORE YOU NAKED Ten monologues for women by lo Carol Oates' dry, come, trage, recounting the penis of sexual harassment and desire. Admirably staned.

staged. Offstage Downstairs, 37 Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (071-267 0457), Tues-Sun,

STRAIGHT AND NARROW: Nicholas Lyndhurst, Neil Daglish and Carmel McSharry in bleable comedy about a doining mother's womes, nota her gay son. rer gay son.
Wyndhamfs, Charing Cross Road,
WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm,
mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 130mins.

THE VIRTUOSO: Shadwell's im 1144 VIATUOSCS Shalows Restaration comedy of bad behaviour in the home of a bumbling statant, directed with verve by Phylliad Lloyd. The Pft, Barbican Centre, Sik Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 180mins.

and My Girt Adelphi (071-836 7611)

IL Les Misérables: Palace (071-434
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St Martin's (071-836 1443). Ill The
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Generation: Ambassadors (071-836
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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) se across the country

CURRENT BUGSY (18). Warren Beatty as Bugsy Siegel, the gangster who invented Las Vegas. Sleek, writy, duzzling to behold. Starring Armette Benerg, director, Barry

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WHISTLE STOP CAPE (12) Heartwarming lives of lesty folks down
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PICHPS (15): Immature police
protection officer (Christian Stater)
avenges the death of his elder brother.
Flashy but feeble addition to
hollywood's cop cornecles. Director,
Bruce A. Evans.
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UGHT SLEEPER (15): Lugubnous eleg to the Eighbes drug scene from winter-director Paul Schrader, partly saved by Willem Dafoe as a loner stumbling towards redemption. With Susan

Sarandon Curzon West End (071-439 4805) MY OWN PRIVATE EDAHO (18): Gus Van Sant's quirky portrait of two drifters searching for a home: striking and aggravating by turns. With River and aggraving by turns, which were Phoenia, Keanu Reaves, Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) MGAB Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Placadilly (071-437 361) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279379 70251 MGM Trocadero

o THE PRINCE OF TIDES (15): New York psychearest helps football coach face family secrets. Romanuc drama with ideas above its station, grandly acted by Nick Notes, Barbra Stressand directs and co-stars, but fails to sing MGM Partion Street (071-930 0631). Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

THEATRE

Living on the far side of belief

Berlin Bertie Royal Court

TO SAY that Howard Brenton's new play is the liveliest he has written in ages may seem no great recommendation to those who, like me, found it hard to admire his Utopian Greenland or Moscow Gold, his windy tribute to Mikhail Gorbachev. Why should we be grateful just because a dramatist takes his head out of the clouds and puts his feet where they should have been all along, on the ground? Moreover, there is a big trouble with Berlin Bertie, which is that it is three playlets forcibly yoked together, presumably in the hope of saying something significant about the collapse of our contemporary credos.

Yet when abstract idea gives way to human observation, the play exercises quite a grip. Apart from anything else, Danny Boyle's production offers the funniest, most sympathetic portrait of a lager lout I have seen. Kevin Allen's Sandy, jobless in some South London Gaza, spends the evening obsessively flinging about four-letter words and impotently fixing the crumbling flat where he is a blundering guest. "Blankety-blank hammer!" yells this downmarket Clouseau as he sends his thumb instead of a nail through the wall. Imagine a half-drowned man convincing himself he is a champion at the Australian crawl; and you have his insecurity and truculence.

He takes a supporting part in Playlet One, which concerns a social worker,



Cursory: Rosa (Diana Rigg) and Berlin Bertie (Nicholas Woodeson)

Alice Brine, in emotional chaos for reasons that take their time to emerge. At first Brenton teases our curiosity with her not-very-plausible fantasies which involve a weirdly erotic air-trip over the Pacific. But the husband she imagines in flagrante in the skies turns out to have beaten a baby to death in London. Sensational the revelation may be: there is no doubting the self-

disgust with which Penny Downie's Alice owns up to the error of judgement

that ruined her. Playlet Two is about Alice's sister Rosa, homeless in London after discovering that her husband, a Berlin pastor, may have have been one of those phoney dissidents who were spying for the East German police. Diana Rigg's severe suit, clipped hair

and quietly stricken manner make a nice contrast with Downie's mess and muddle, but she needs more time and space to explore her character, establish her religious convictions and explain their loss. There is something a bit cursory about her story, as there is about the protagonist of Playlet Three. the Stasi apparatchik who inexplicably comes to destroy what's left of Rosa's peace of mind as his own socialist certainties founder.

Nicholas Woodeson, code-named Berlin Bertle, swings confidently enough from menace to self-mockery: but he fails to suggest why he should continue to harrass a superannuated victim in late 1939 Berlin, let alone the Easter 1990 London, when and where the play is mostly set. The reason can only be that Brenton is willing to sacrifice credibility for a tight plot and a clear theme. "We were the technicians for doing good, we wanted to put the world to rights." Rosa ruefully tells Alice. "We are fugitives from great faiths," Berlin Bertie adds. Communism, Christianity and the "caring" professions: all are in disarray.

Cerebral, over-calculating Brenton is sometimes visible here, as he is in the fake-poetic monologues which the characters spout, frozen in a silver light. But when Berlin Bertie thumps blustering Sandy in the stomach, wins his allegiance and enrols him as a salesman for sadistic videos, a more feeling Brenton is back: not liking the future he sees and showing us why.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

THEATRE

Merrily, maybe but lovelessly

THE musical theatre is full of paradoxes. The current touring production of My Fair Lady has more astringency than the spectacular soft-centred meringue the National Theatre has just made of *Pygmalion*. The modishly modernist Stephen Sondheim has taken a 50-year-old Broadway play by Kaufman and Hart, the comic scribes of The Man Who Came To Dinner and Once In A Lifetime. And lo! The original is still sharper, sourer, more honest a wry, dry Martini compared with Sondheim's blandly soothing

Margarita. By 1980, when Sondheim was collaborating again with George Furth (they had worked together on Company) he could mock his critics with a number given to a producer extolling the virtues of a hummable tune. But the criticism cannot be laughed off. The score for this showbiz saga of three friends, love thwarted, integrity assailed, is full of Sondheim's heartless abrasive bustle. This is wonderfully apposite. In the brittle chatter of chic party-goers, but in a story of ambition, rief, the cumulative

SINCE there is still widespread belief that the Bolshoi Ballet represents the peak of perfection, it needs to be said

that any British company with Giselle

in its repertoire can put out a better

performance of Act II than this touring

Yuri Grigorovich's production has

filleted most of the drama out of the choreography: the small corps de ballet (12 women) dance correctly but without spirit; the so-called Empire Gala

Orchestra (only 22 players, creakily amplified) is lugubriously conducted by Mikhail Bank. The women land lightly from their jumps, but Maria Bylova's Myrtha is stolid, and she and

her two attendants show a curious

Natalya Bessmertnova's account of

the title role was always aloofly remote, but some of us can remember the days

when she had a springy lightness in

her dancing, and used to stretch her

feet instead of letting them stick out in

entrechats even when lifted by her partner. Leonid Nikonov fulfilled that

function proficiently with a nice old-

sense of line.

group offered on Monday.

Merrily We Roll Along Haymarket, Leicester

there in Sondheim's typically ingenious songs; but music theatre also needs tunes and tension.

The up-dated plot progresses backwards, from a bitter party for successful composer Frank in 1979 to a finale when the young idealist and his friends gaze on Sputnik flying overhead, and 1957 suddenly seems the best of times, when anything is possible.

Unexpectedly, the musical numbers hold up the action, frequently static and self-sufficient, as when Frank's first wife belts out a ballad during their divorce hearing, and the crowd of onlookers makes the contrived situation look even more artificial. The crucial scene where the friends split up in a live television chat show rattles along grippingly as long as they are talking. When one of them bursts into song, the mood is killed stone dead.

The construction could be tighter. Frank's seduction by a Broadway star is interminable. Most of the son effect is arid. Rhyme and reason are shapeless, irregularly phrased and tied

together with Sondheim's familiar scurrying minor-key portentousness. Director Paul Kerryson's credentials

include the first European Follies, in Manchester. Kerryson's strength lies in moving crowds around: his party scenes are beautifully drilled, wonder-fully slick and stylish. In a dedicated cast an American inevitably stands out. Evan Pappas, as Frank's friend and collaborator, creates the one believable human being on stage, even though the part is almost a cliche good guy, domesticated, decent, political integrity intact. In the absence of songs that make them come to life, some talented performers stand and deliver: such as Michael Cantwell's Frank. Maria Friedman, as the girl in the threesome who secretly loves Frank, is wasted. Louise Gold's Broadway vamp has an almost burlesque style, and Jacqueline Dankworth's diction lets her down as Frank's first wife, both otherwise promising performances. The production presumably has the sanction of Sondheim himself, present for the past week.

MARTIN HOYLE

DANCE **Far from** the best

Stars of the Bolshoi

Dominion fashioned air, even if he is not in appearance, technique or manner.

quite the obvious romantic hero.

The second half of the bill was a series of ten party pieces, and on the credit side must be set a sensible variety in the choice, with character numbers set between the bravura showpieces. On the other hand, there was no distinction of style among the classical

All were done in just the same way, as if any solo could be switched from one dance to another without anybody noticing. Also, the partnering, although able enough for the most part.

was singularly graceless, especially in the trick someone has introduced of frequently having the women held by their upper arms. Nor was there any exceptional virtuosity on display. One or two of the dancers are rather past their "best before" date. Among the younger ones, Andrei Nikonov alone demonstrated promise of real excite-ment and individuality, although not much helped by the dreary choreography of the Bolshoi version of La Fille mal gardée.

The women danced somewhat coyly: perhaps this is the manner that is wanted from them. Bessmertnova seemed more suited to her Golden Age duet (stoutly lifted around by Boris Efimav), but Bylova and the elder Nikonov had the best number in the short, tumultuous Spring Waters.

The pity is that some people who do not usually go to ballet may be taken in by the publicity and, believing this really is the best the art can offer, be put off from going again.

JOHN PERCIVAL

CONCERT

Maderna manners

Philharmonia/Sinopoli Festival Hall

FROM Rossini to Bruno Maderna is but a century in time, and no significant difference in attitude: both made music from the virtuosity around them, as Giuseppe Sinopoli demonstrated in his imaginative pairing of the two. For Rossini this meant the art f the voice in his *Stabat Mater*, for Maderna, who died in 1973, the versatility of instrumentalists in his Quadrivium for four solo percussionists, each supported by a different orchestral group.

Maderna was a quintessential Venetian in his appreciation of antiphonal sonorities. The vivid percussion skills of David Corkhill, Kevin Hathway, Peter Fry and Nigel Bates sounded at times over congested when the musical focus moved around from one to the other. but Sinopoli's cues - indicated by the number of fingers held up - made much of the notated "hannenings

which are integral to the work. Often the textures were extremely subtle and gentle, in a musical tapestry of variegated colour like shot silk, changing slightly as it moved around spatially. One supposes that the dozen or so who left before the halfway point were unable or unwilling to stretch their ears even a little bit beyond major

and minor. Rossini's setting of the Latin text visualising the grieving Mother of Jesus was serious but not brooding. attuned to the Italian view of Holy Week. Sinopoli brought warmth and vitality to the blend of voices and orchestra.

His soloists included two replacements through illness. The Spanish soprano Maria Bayao projected thrillingly for "Inflammatus". Cecilia Bartoli had the grace and velvet timbre for "Fac ut portem". Justin Lavender was content with a restrained lilt for "Cujus animam", though pallid in colour, and Alastair Miles gave sturdy bass grandeur to "Pro peccatis". The Philharmonia Chorus was splendid in the unaccompanied "Eja mater" and the final fugue.

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Scientists rush to retreat

"Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind." On another occasion he also said that cosmic religious experience was the strongest and noblest driving force behind scientific research. Thirty-seven years after his death the gap between faith and the "new science" is closing all the time. a convergence which the BBC 2 series Soul has plored over three nights this

The old-fashioned Newtonian physics which envisaged the universe as an immense machine has hit the buffers, as Anthony Clare explained in a voice which was often so soothing as to be barely audible. Well-informed folk must now absorb the lessons of new cosmologies, quantum physics, chaos theory and a neurology which has dusted off the idea of the soul, and may find themselves rediscovering the they thought redundant.

Like the universe, the series kicked off with the Big Bang. the cosmic firework from which space and time emerged 20 billion years ago. Recent study of this primeval explosion has revealed a universe which seems to be following a game plan of some kind.

have been more and more impressed, the deeper I dig. at the coherence, unity and harmony of nature," said Paul Davies a professor of theoretic physics, in the first programme. "To me this suggests overwhelming evidence of design." Some of the experts consulted even endorsed the anthropomorphic principle which explains away the improbability of intelligent life by writing humanity into the universal blueprint. All paths lead to man, perhaps.

But who mapped out these paths? Simply to say that there is a "universal soul" prodding creation in the right direction seemed a classic example of avoiding a question by rephrasing it. More exciting though no less mysterious was the suggestion that quantum mechanics will one day tell all about the origin and meaning of the universe. Sub-atomic particles, after all, pop in and out of existence all the time in the quantum world. Perhaps universes do, too.

The oddest thing for scientists is that they can no longer foretell the future as they could in a deterministic universe. Quantum physics introduces subjectivity and probability to the equasion, while chaos theory shows some changes of cause and effect defy predictability completely. A pendulum moving over two magnets will follow patterns too intricate to be forecast. The more scientists discover, the more they are confounded.

partly an admission of past failure a tip of the cap to the mystical principles which Co-pernicus, Newton, Darwin and others appeared to have banished forever. "To apologise for three centuries of what was really the central point of scientific philosophy, that is quite something," admitted Elya Prigogine, a Nobel physics laureate. Science has ended un hand in hand with its former antagonist, metaphysics, and the appearance in last night's final instalment of Oliver Sacks, the neurologist and author of Awakenings.

was a reminder that the results of the union can be inspiring. Yet Soul did itself few favours in assuming that the viewer would take these mindbending new theories on trust. with little by way of explana-tion. In spite of the success of books like Stephen Hawking's A Brief History of Time, these ideas are still alien to the Newtonian on the Clapham

tunity missed for elucidation. Graham Greene talked about fear of a "cooling world" as one of the props of faith, a fear which seemed occasionally to creep into this documentary. The worst possible reason to embrace the new science is because we are frightened of

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has always been von Trier's

game. The Danish wonderboy of The Element of Crime

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ages of darkness and water,

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movie idols (from Hitchcock,

Fritz Lang to his austere

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hind the fireworks, though,

By setting Europa in the

aftermath of Germany's defeat

in 1945, and placing his characters largely on trains

criss-crossing a landscape of perpetual night, von Trier toys

with a story of political and

social significance. But his

metaphors remain stillborn.

buried along with the bewil-

dered actors in an avalanche

of fancy images (black-and-white, flecked occasionally

with colour). This is a film

about nothing, except the film-

At the plot's centre lies a

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maker's ego.

lies a horrible void.

n the words of the publi-cist, "Reading Volker Schlöndorff's filmography is like taking a walk through world literature." This is the man who filleted Proust in Swann in Love and raced round landmarks of the German novel, filming Heinrich Böll, Robert Musil and Gunter Grass's The Tin Drum. His work may not set the world on fire - the films are too chained to their sources for that - but they are clearcut, well crafted films and they never insult your intelligence.

Schlöndorff has now fetched down from the shelf Max Frisch's novel Homo Faber, a child of the existentialist Fifties, first published in 1957. Voyager (15, Curzon West End), is the beguiling result: a cool, handsome portrait of a severely rational, globetrotting engineer, forced to reckon with painful feelings and the

machinations of fate. In the original, he was German; in the film, a German-French production shot in English to lure the necessary international audience, he is Sam Shepard, irredeemably American. But the lanky. weather-worn actor-dramatist paints such a telling portrait of Frisch's melancholy hero that only a pedant would complain at the switch.

From the opening mo-ments, Walter Faber's life is dogged by strange coincidences and accidents. His New York-bound plane crashlands in the Mexican desert. Memories surface of student days in Zurich and a love affair with Hannah (Barbara Sukowa), who married another student friend. En route to Paris, a vivacious young girl (fetchingly played by rising French actress Julie Delpy) tickles the engineer's interest Faber abandons his schedule drives her through Europe to her mother in Greece, where a variation of the Oedipus

legend lies waiting.
Baldly expressed, the story may not seem much of a prize Do not fear: the film's strength lies in its emotional texture, in the interplay between the man of science and a world of disorder. Schlöndorff's cameras alight imaginatively on every location, whether catching Delpy peering round the Louvre's sculptures, or simply observing the skies. On the John Harie's moody blue saxophone colours one of Stanley Myers's

nlike many period films, the era is never thrust in our faces, though the beady-eyed will note the torn dust-jacket of Albert Camus' L'Etranger, which is reverently clutched by the young heroine. The volume is well chosen, for Frisch's novel, on its first appearance, often drew comparison with Camus. From its pages Schlöndorff has fashioned a sober, refreshing arthouse attraction - almost an existential road movie.

Lars von Trier's Europa (15, Chelsea Cinema and Everyman) easily outdistances Voyager in the co-production stakes: this, if you please, bears the label Danish-French-German-Swedish. But then excess loving, meddling mother, who is visiting from New Jersey.

comedy assignment with far preater ease than he managed in last year's Oscar, where he behaved like an over-wound clockwork toy. Even though momma Getty tweaks his cheeks, tucks him into bed and sings him a lullaby ("Oh Jesus", he mutters), our Rocky looks relaxed, if rueful.

German roots (Jean-Marc Barr), who takes a job alongside his uncle as sleeping-car conductor on Germany's trains. Barbara Sukowa is on hand again, as the bewitching daughter of the rail network boss, pulling the hero into an impenetrable knot of intrigue; she also makes love on an electric train set.

The final half-hour brings a soupcon of tension and humour of a Kafka-esque kind (everything is -esque in von Trier's world). But to no avail: the director's burgeoning pretensions and unchecked talent have derailed Europa long

"Get in, sweetie, we're onna nail those turkeys!" says Estelle Getty (best known as the diminutive mother figure, Sophia, from television's comedy series The Golden Girls), as she drives off for a battle against the Los Angeles bad guys. Sweetie is none other than Sylvester Stallone.

He plays her son, a bachelor police sergeant constantly embarrassed by tut-tuts and cooing remarks from his ever-

and a hilarious clip from A Brief History of Time Disney's The Black Hole (1979, but already antique). Morris teases out Hawking's findings in consistently entertaining ways. This is the best Unlike Europa, Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot (PG, Plaza) kind of instructional film: lucid, involving, equally alive

is pretension-free: the film would not tax a pigeon's brain.

tallone may never be Cary Grant, but he can be watched without embarrassment. At least that is the case until the script buckles down to what Stallone's character calls "the feeling stuff". For Getty, the film proves an easy ride: she is chiefly required to utter aggravating comments with her razor-sharp timing, and generally look sweet, ginger hair neatly permed, holding her pet Pekinese.

After a while, though, even a comedy this trivial needs something more than a bachelor cop and a pestering mom, album of baby photos at her elbow. So we get action: careening cars, gun-dealers, with Stallone and Getty in the thick of it.
Director Roger Spottis-

woode tried a similar blend of action and comedy in Turner & Hooch, which celebrated another odd couple (a fastidious detective and a sloppy dog). He keeps the show on the road well enough; though when faced with cute reaction shots of Pixie the peke, blue bow in its hair, one wonders what ever happened to the talented man who made that exciting thriller Under Fire, nearly ten years ago.
In a perfect world, commer-

cial cinemas would find proper home for A Brief History of Time (Palace Video), a compelling treatment of Stephen Hawking's scientific best-seller from Errol Morris. the quirky director of The Thin Blue Line. As the world stands. this fascinating film slips into the country this week on video. But its luscious, stylised, sharpedged photography alone makes a large screen desirable, if not essential.

Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" Hawking asks. After a startling shot of a chicken blinking before the universe's expanse, Morris leads us into the rarefied sphere of theoretical physics by first considering Hawking the man, and his battle against debilitating illness.

Then meatier matters are brought before us. Did the universe have a beginning? If so, what happened before its

ARTS BRIEF

Kirov's coming

arrival, and where is the

universe headed? As in The

Thin Blue Line, Morris's mu-

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deed be the ticket.

But he is more mischief-maker

than film-maker and signally

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the likes of The Mupper Show

(the star line-up includes a

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"Miss Piggy" lines and a hare

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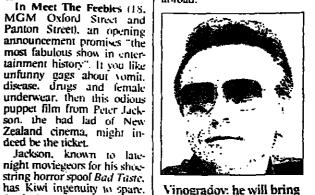
to dull, puerile jokes that only

a schoolboy could love.

An X-certificate variant on

Using a cup and saucer

THE Kirov Ballet is returning to London in the summer of 1993 for a five-week season only tour months after the Bolshoi Ballet ends its fiveweek "arena" season at the Albert Hall. The attraction of the 200-strong St Petersburg company is the new reperioire it will bring to Britain. Oleg-Vinogradov, artistic directoris planning to present the original Lavrovsky Romeo and Juliet and the original wianjinsky Theatre production of La Bayadere, Rounding off the programme will be works by the Western choreographers Tudor, Robbins and Balanchine. In its bid to carn valuable foreign currency, the Kirov is now spending more than six months a year



Vinogradov: he will bring two original productions

Last chance . . .

THE exhibition at the Hayward Gallery (071-261 0127). "Doubletake", sets out to explore "Collective Memory and Current Art", and contains its quota of the conceptual, the sensical. Judge for yourselves until Monday.



COMMENT

Red tape clogs up the video-recorder

few months ago the distinguished London bookshop Grant and Cutler, an academic bookseller specialising in foreign-language texts, carried for sale a range of French videos. Among them were French film classics, including works by such revered figures as Renoir. Clair, Gauce, Cocteau and Camé, and video recordings of French stage productions of Molière, Racine and

Recently the stand of videos vanished. The shop had been ordered to withdraw them from sale after a visit from police acting on information presented by the British Board of Film Classification — formerly (and more frankly) "of Film Censors".

When the shop approached

the BBFC, it was told that under the sweeping new pow-ers over video conferred on the Board by the Video Recordings Act of 1984 it is illegal to offer for sale in Britain (or place a special order for) any video which does not explicitly hear the Board's seal of classification, or else (as with some opera and ballet recordings) an official exemption. Hence.

illegally. What about foreign films already theatrically distributed

in Britain and classified? The answer is that these too are illegal unless passed by the unsubtitled video form. The Board's argument is that a film seen without subtitles and/or on video might.create a different effect from when seen subtitled in a cinema. How the effect might be more offensive is not vouchsafed. If this is the case, why has

the Board not pursued sellers Chinese videos around Gerrard Street, Arabic videos in Queensway and Indian videos almost anywhere in London? The Board's answer is that, while this has been considered, and shops dealing in such videos are certainly legally at fault, it was decided that such a move would be offensive to minorities in a multicultural society.

Such sentiments seem admirable. But why cannot a similar courtesy be extended to that group - still unfortunately a minority in a Britain hurtling towards a united Europe - who are learning another European language, and need every stimulus from foreign classics? Must they stoop to under-the-counter transactions to further their linguistic progress?

RUSSELL TAYLOR

"Adrian Noble's production is majestic...Crowns off to the RSC!"

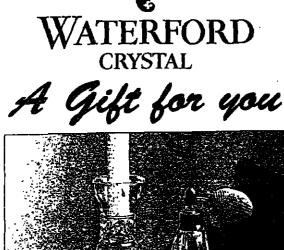


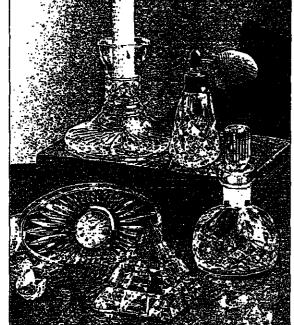
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Seeking a **Catholic** sense of sexuality

Though Catholics are often tormented by guilt, says Roderick Strange, an angry

new book will not ease their consciences

Stanford have been prompted to write this book by the damage they from their church's official teaching on sex. And while it would be wrong to suppose that all Catholics are guilt-ridden, it is certainly true that too many are. They need reassurance, need to see that their anxieties about sex do not leave them on the margin of the Catholic Church's life. It would be good to find a book which helped them.

Catholics and Sex, however, is not the book. It sees the problem, but makes matters worse. As I **CATHOLICS** read, I kept ask-

ing myself. "Who AND SEX is going to be From Purity to helped by this?" I Purgatory had to answer: By Kate Saunders and "No one". Peter Stanford Those who are going their own

way in any case will find the book irrelevant. Those who interpret Catholic pronouncements on sex in an intolerantly legalistic fashion will only be confirmed in their worst prejudices by its tabloid style. Youth will feel patronised by the authors' sudden plunge into middle-age: "We hold to the old saying that sex is wasted on the young." Those who are genuinely anxious will be made more confused by the glib advocacy of "the sex customs of our age" And those who are trying to help will feel undermined.

The perspective is askew from the start. The authors begin by asking. "Why should believers have to choose between faith in God or a rewarding sex life?" It is a good question because it expresses well the dilemma which Catholics burdened with guilt feel confronts

them. In fact, they are mistaken. Even that bogey document, Humanae Vitae, Paul VI's encyclical on artificial contraception, states that sexual activity between hus-band and wife is "honourable and good" and does not cease to be so "even when ... it is foreseen to be infertile". The language may not be attractive; there may be other issues to contest; but the point is clear. But instead of unravelling the dilemma. Saunders and Stanford adopt it without question and so fail to raise the far more significant issue: if this view is mistaken, why is it so prevalent?

One reason is the doctrinal fundamentalism in the Catholic Church by which teaching is en-shrined too readily as tradition and

judged to be unchangeable. History is ignored. The circumstances which influenced a viewpoint are forgotten. This uncritical attitude has often guided

leaving it defensive and fearful. It is a legacy which needs to be ad-dressed, but the problem is not eased by critics, like Saunders and Stanford, who play the same game: once more St Augustine is on trial as the villain of the piece.

A second reason follows from the first. Negative presentation encourages bad practice. The dergy, like other professionals, make mistakes. The authors make that plain. They regale us with a series of horror stories. We hear from Catholics who feel sexually repressed, from older Catholics who claim that their lives have been damaged by the attitudes they learnt at school, from the separated, divorced and remarried or those leading a double life. Yet, without underestimating the bad practice some people may have had to endure, the presentation of their cases is too partial to be instructive. And all the while the

presumption that faith and sex are

in conflict blinds the authors to the



"The Confession" by Cristina Garcia Rodero (Espana Oculta, Little, Brown & Company, £16.99)

real nature of the Catholic Church's teaching. Let me put it simply.

The Catholic Church recognises

that sex is powerful. It has power for each individual and reveals its power in the relationships we form. In other words, it is both private and public, as intensely personal as it is essentially social. As sex is social, there must be vision. At the same time, because it is personal, the vision must respect the individual. Both aspects are necessary; to neglect either creates distortion; and the Catholic Church recognises that fact. Combining the two, however, demands real sensitivity.

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Moreover, of its very nature, this pastoral work defies precise formulation: discussions of the internal forum as it is called are usually fascinating, but unprofitable. And no approach can guarantee a happy outcome for everyone.

Of course, mistakes are made. Some priests do not handle these delicate matters well. Many others do. Even Sanders and Stanford acknowledge that, but they tend to write off examples of good practice as a lack of integrity, caring flannel, or a devious exercise in clerical

They suggest that some people

This book is a welcome,

drivel that has lately been

filling bookshops under the

heading "Popular Science".

Midgley is a professional phi-losopher who has decided to have fun at the expense of

some amateur interlopers -

that band of physicists who

have lately taken it on them-

selves to explain everything

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The role model for these

people is Stephen Hawking.

His A Brief History of Time,

apart from glazing over the eyes of the publishing industry

with its sales figures, provided

propaganda for the idea that

physics was not so much the Queen of Sciences as the

ably, future.

funny, robust and acute

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Father Strange was chaptain to Oxford University until 1989. Since then he has been a priest at Hyde in Cheshire. He is the author of The Catholic Faith (OUP). **Boffins blinded by science**

will find their book offensive. I am

one of them, but not for the illiberal

reasons they presume. I am of-

fended because an opportunity to

say something valuable on a matter

of real importance to many people

has been wasted. In a memorable

Tablet column, John Harriott once

called for a respite from sex. He was appealing primarily to Vatican

departments, but he included jour-

nalists. Saunders and Stanford

should have taken his advice.

Free spirit in love with love

Nigella Lawson

CLAIRMONT AND

THE SHELLEYS

By Robert Gittings

and Jo Manton Oxford, £20

self written out of history. The stepdaughter of "the immortal Godwin", she had been raised as a free thinker, and as part of the Shellev ménage she had embraced the world as a free spirit. By the time the first accounts of Shelley's life came to be written. Victorian biographers preferred to ignore the part played in it by this "lively. quick-witted and probably unmanageable" woman.

She, understandably, was piqued by her exclusion: "I would willingly think", she wrote in her journals, that my memory may not be lost in oblivion as my life has been." She has had to wait for her biographers. but she has been well-served by them; now, a century after her death, comes this vivid study which has all the energy and charm of its

As a girl, her romantic spirit delighted in the affair between step-sister Mary, the daughter of Mary Wollstonecraft, and she thrilled at the part But though she

Mary could make trysts with Shelley under the guise of going out walking with Claire she was also, hurtfully, made to feel that her presence was unwanted. "We both used to walk with him in Wilderness of the Wollstonecraft's tomb," she reported. "They always sent me to walk some distance from them — alleg-ing that they wished to talk on philosophical subjects. I did not know what they talked about."

Still, when Shelley and Mary ran away together to France in July 1814, Claire, even if not strictly wanted on the voyage, was required to accompany them, for neither of the lovers could speak French. If she bristled at the imposed role of gooseberry, she chose to ignore it. fastening instead onto her close companionship with Shelley. whom she hero-worshipped. As a permanent part of the itinerant Shelley household, she felt she had

entry into the charmed circle. The retiring role played by Mary, as a consequence of her depressive temperament and uncomfortable pregnancy, gave Claire, she felt, special claims on Shelley, leading many to presume that their relationship was also of a sexual nature. There is no evidence that it was, but Shelley and Claire's solidarity proved irksome to Mary, who later wrote: "she poisoned my life when

uring her own lifetime. young, my idea of Heaven was a world without Claire."

If Claire felt the need to compete with Mary for Shelley's affections. this was due to a rivalry that she never explicitly acknowledged. But Claire's mother had complained that Godwin's delight in Mary's brilliance had led him to consider Claire stupid. Claire gave voice to similar resentment only in defence of her brother Charles, whom she considered to be misjudged and illtreated by the Godwins. "In our family," she wrote sourly, "if you cannot write an epic poem or a novel, that by its originality knocks all other novels on the head, you are a despicable creature."

Perhaps it was the same spirit of competitiveness that led Claire to seek a poet of her own, one even more famous than Mary's Shelley. She wrote to Byron, urging a meeting. He gave in. For her the affair was an example of "perfect"

love: for him it something less lofty. "I never loved nor preher, but a man is a man, and if a girl of eighteen comes prancing to you at all hours.

When Claire conceived, all that Bryon could ask was: "Is the brat mine?" The child, named Allegra, whom Claire loved with maternal passion, was taken away from her by Byron and dumped in a convent; she died at the age of five. Thenceforth, Claire considered herself "as a stranger and traveller on the earth, to whom none of the many affairs of this world belong ship on this globe".

She travelled restlessly, working

as a governess, and "learning to be happy without happiness"; in Italy, where she retraced steps once trod with Shelley: in France, where in her formes she enjoyed a clandestine affair with a man who remains unidentified; in Germany and in Russia, and made an abortive attempt to farm in Austria. She was a brilliant linguist and a teacher of sensitivity. She remained lively until her death at 81.

Towards the end of her life she confessed that "when I was a very young girl. Byron was the rage . . . I was young, and vain and poor. The result you know. I am too old now to play with any mock repentance." The price she paid for this was a heavy one, and she realised it. On her tombstone she requested the words be written: "She passed her life in sufferings, expiating not

only her faults but also her virtues."

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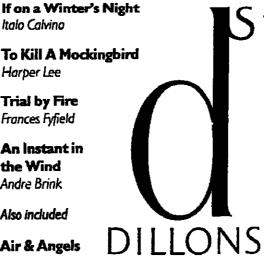
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SCIENCE AS A modern myth and its meaning

her with, if anything, an even easier target. She starts with the 1930s meanderings of Haldane and Bernal in which the supposedly scientific base of Marxism is used to justify a Leninist priesthood of scien-tists presiding over our escape from the earth and our bodies. Later comes Freeman Dyson with his space colonisation through downloading ourselves on to computer software; and, finally. Barrow and Tipler speak of the ability of consciousness to take over the entire cosmos with the aid of

Rabid Dictator of All Human Knowledge. Once we had the equations that mark the end of physics, Hawking concluded, then "we would know the mind of God". "Clearly," obgravity shear energy and to serves Midgley snavely of such forestall the terminal effects of the Big Crunch by pouring talk, "it causes no embarrassmatter into black holes. But, equally clearly, it should. When was it decided The consistent themes are:

on our behalf that the vast wealth of meaning and virtue implicit in the idea of God could be contained in a set of equations, which, in any case, will almost certainly be falsified by Hawking's successor? Yet Hawking is only one of the many who now trade in this kind of sixth-form philosophy. Midgley's other targets are: Paul Davies, John Barrow, Frank Tipler, Freeman Dyson, Peter Atkins, with whose incoherent polemic The Creation she has the most fun. and, from an older generation, Jacques Monod, J.D. Bernal and J.B.S. Haldane.

The assault on Atkins is exemplary. His book was an attempt to defeat the metaphysical ambitions arising from the new physics of the 20th century by anchoring the whole subject in what Atkins takes to be the most hard-headed of scientific earth. Midgley categorises his approach as a "pseudo-Darwinian fantasy" and proceeds to take apart his dozens of baseless rhetorical assumptions with delicate venom. The book, she says, is a Just So Story and concludes that it "marks a fairly complete bankruptcy of real explanation".

The future fantasists provide

Bryan Appleyard

 SALVATION By Mary Midgley Routledge, £25



Dr Mary Midgley: robust

mess of human life, the supremacy in all human affairs of scientists and a deterministic assumption that this is what must happen because that is the way we and the universe are made. They are all, as Midgley points out, power fantasies — driven lately (this is me, not her) by the sales fantasies of the book trade. In any case, she thinks, one of the most notable aspects of scientific history is that most ideas do not work, so these wobbly, speculative towers are unlikely to remain upright.

The serious questions behind all this are: what is really going on here? And: does it matter?

Midgley's answer to the first is the philosophical meat of the immortality. space colonisation, loathing of the organic is the philosophical meat of the sation, loathing of the organic

The Times, in association with Dillons and Picador, is sponsoring a debate on May 7, chaired by Melvyn Bragg, on the dangers of science. Speakers include Fay Weldon, the novelist, and Professor Lewis Wolpert, the biologist.

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she has. Implicit in all these arguments, she says, is a resurfacing of teleology. This was the method, overthrown by classical science, that argues backwards from purpose. In much of this scientific writing there is the newly-discovered assumption that we may be able to talk about the universe backwards from our presence in it and, therefore, to discuss our future on the basis of the pursuit of predestined pattern in Barrow and Tipler's terms this becomes the Final

Anthropic Principle. Even when an explicit teleology is not at work - as in Atkins — the absolute insistence on the finality and rightness of science as it is now constituted amounts to the same thing. It is tempting to say all this does not matter. These are sci-fi power fantasies for lonely boys in bedsits with their Clearasil. In the real world most scientists are just quiet sober people getting on with their jobs.

Midgley, rightly, has no patience with this view and sees it as dangerous and corrupting. These popularisers are but the tip of an iceberg of a new scientism — the belief in the omnicompetence of science. Since modern science began, this belief has been in the air. With accelerating technological effectiveness it be-came ever more credible. Now, in our atheist, liberal societies, the belief has become the society's one universally agreed faith. The urgency of defeating scientism in all its boneheaded, philistine forms arises from the need to defend the culture against its final. entropic decay into the value-lessness that is intrinsic to the scientific project.

Midgley's positive stance not really detailed in this book - appears to be a humanist and ecological insistence on the totality and reality of organic, earthly life. This is fair enough, but, I suspect, a little weak. There needs to be tougher insistences on the absolute human self and on the culture that made it. The culture needs to be defended against these one-eyed fantasists as fiercely as we would defend ourselves, because, of course, it is our selves. But you can only do so much in one book and nobody could seriously ask Midgley to do more

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Genial godfather of German freedom

Willy Brandt's candour about his own mistakes lends his autobiography a rare magnanimity, Anne McElvoy discovers

to begin his memoirs, not with his early V. V years, but with the building of the Berlin Wall in 1961, is neither a random decision nor simply dramatic effect. Then governing mayor of West Berlin, he learned his trade as a politician in the overheated atmosphere of that Berlin crisis. That day, August 13, shaped his view of the east-west conflict and provided the kernel of the Ostpolitik which he sponsored from 1969.

Brandt, along with the people of Berlin, learnt that day that the Western allies would not risk conflagration to preserve German unity. The solution to Germany's trauma would have to be homemade. His initial disappointment that the Americans did not use military force to counter the East German move rapidly gave way to the tempered mixture of pragma-tism and idealism which would become the hallmark of his subse-

quent career. His strength both as politician and autobio-

grapher is his ability to capture MY LIFE IN the essence of his POLITICS motives elegantly By Willy Brandt Hamish Hamilton, £20 and memorably. Of the years after

the building of the Wall he says: "There is a time for war and a time for peace, a time for taking small steps and a time for making great changes." He be-came the master of the intricate dance across the flimsy net of national and international interests in later years.

Brandt was born in 1913, the illegitimate son of a working-class Lübeck mother. He never shook off his self-consciousness about his birth. He was brought up bearing his grandfather's name of Frahm and adopted the name Brandt, given to him in the anti-Nazi underground. He was steeped in north German socialism from childhood: enrolled by his grandfather in the labour sports club as soon as he could walk, and proceeding, by way of the movement's mandolin and puppet club, to writing tracts for the left-wing Lübeck Volksbote at the age of 15.

He left Germany for Norway in 1933 and was politically active in exile, even risking a stay in Berlin in 1936, disguised as a Norwegian student to collect information on the resistance. After co-operating with Heinrich Mann's ill-fated German Popular Front against Hitler, he joined the International Brigades in Spain and fled Norway

for Sweden after the occupation. Even in warnime, his capacity for making contacts was prodigious. In 1943 he met Adam von Trott. one of Hitler's most dogged aristocratic opponents in the German foreign office; unlike many less tolerant Social Democrats he was quick to grasp the necessity of a broad-based opposition to Hitler transcending old social and party barriers. Equally correct was his recognition that there was nothing to be gained from conniving with

illy Brandr's decision the German communists, who had long since sacrificed their integrity. After the war, he exploited Berlin's centre-stage role to gain prominence and the post of governing mayor of the city served as his launching pad, bringing him nominations for the chancellorship

in 1961 and 1965. The SPD's haul to office was a long one first as junior coalition partners of the Christian Democrats in 1966, then in 1969 as the first Social Democrat-led government in Germany since 1930. Brandt's sheer staying power should not be underestimated in determining the result. His literary ally Gunter Grass coined the metaphor of a snail's progress to describe Brandt's path to victory in the 1969 elections.

At times the book lapses into the monotonous tone to which politi-

cians are prone, but Brandt cannot

be boring for long. He is the master

of the one-line summary of politi-

cians and deftly combines generos-

Strauss, the ebullient Bavarian premier who dominated the other end of the political spectrum is perfectly encapsu-lated as "a powerful engine with a

He is frank in his admiration of Adenauer, despite the personal bitterness of their tussle. But he thought Ludwig Erhard, Adenauer's brief successor as Chancellor and architect of the economic miracle, a political fool, recalling that Erhard guilelessly asked hun how much it would cost to buy the eastern zone from the Russians.

You can tell who Brandt's real enemies were because he marches briskly past them in the account. Chancellor Kohl merits barely a mention. Hans-Dietrich Genscher emerges as a manipulative figure. although not a word of actual censure is uttered. There are hints that Genscher - who was interior minister in 1974 when the East German spy Günter Guillaume was discovered in Brandt's office may have done little to avert the scandal that ensured Brandt's removal as Chancellor, thus smoothing Genscher's path to the job of foreign minister

randt insists that should not have had to resign in the wake of the affair. There is evidence that his going had more to do with discontent on the right of the party - represented by Helmut Schmidt and fears that Brandt's concentration on Ostpolitik distracted him from internal affairs. Brandt was blamed for the party's defeats in regional elections that year.

Few cabinets can be described as harmonious gatherings of likeminded and lovable individuals. but that which Brandt headed was outstanding in its querulousness. The bickering at the top led to an unhealthy climate in the country as a whole. The early 1970s in Germany were marked by economic slowdown and industrial unrest



which Brandt, more at home on the world stage than at the fireside, was ill-equipped to handle.

which led to Guillaume being allowed to rise to the job of personal assistant do suggest that Genscher and the head of the internal security service were negligent; but Brandt must also bear responsibility for the ensuing disaster himself. Brandt's two main weaknesses were political arrogance, leading to the assumption that he was indispensable and always a step ahead of his opponents, and carelessness.

He admits to having known for a

year that there were suspicions surrounding his aide; he was guilty of astonishing naivety in his asnot plant an agent on the father of Germany detente. He mishandled the aftermath of the discovery. continuing with his engagements instead of confronting the storm, and showing himself to be illinformed about secrets to which

Guillaume had access. It is to his credit that he is candid about these errors. He is less open about the accusations of personal indiscretion which made him additionally vulnerable. Brandt could barely have found time for all the romantic intrigues in which he was rumoured to have indulged, but his ioie de vivre — or rather subsequent - doubtless contributed to his fall.

It is not for his chancellorship that Brandt will be remembered -Schmidt was the better leader -but for his promotion of ties with East Germany and the Soviet bloc-Ostpolitik is his true monument.

The publication of his memoirs in English is timely, coming in the midst of a post-unification reassessment of policy towards the east. The snag of "change through convergence", as the doctrine of partial recognition of the East German state and increased contact with citizens of the estranged Germanies was tagged, was that it resulted in a change. Erich Honecker's regime was, a few travel concessions apart. as repressive when it fell as when he came to power in 1971.

There was confusion from the first about whether Brandt's policies were meant to promote the fall of communism in the east by exposing the GDR to western influence, or whether they had the more modest aim of making life more tolerable for the peoples of both Germanies. The disadvantage of the strategy was that it gave

Honecker unmerited legitimacy. East Germany was ultimately destabilised not by the agitations of Bonn but by changes in Moscow. It is self-serving for Social Democrats notably Brandt's friend Egon Bahr - to claim that the street revolt of 1989 was the crowning triumph of their policies. The tactic of building bridges with the communist leadership, and thus keeping it sweet, meant spurning links with the opposition. The dissidents who risked arrest and worse were not helped by West German politicians of any colour and it ill becomes them to pretend that the opposition's achievements are real-

Brandt, however, is less to blame for the inadequacies of Ostpolitik than his successors. After the gains made in the early 1970s, it became an aimless affair, the grand humanitarian aims retreating behind trade and transit agreements. The government of Chancellor Kohl has little to be proud of.

ot that the opposition covered itself with glory either. There can be few less useful documents than that jointly compiled in 1987 by the Social Democrats and the East Berlin communists; it was of value only to the latter. In response to these criticisms, Brandt counters that we are all wiser at the end of 1989 than at the end of 1987, a

truism not without value.
In judging Ostpolitik, it is necessary to differentiate between its weaknesses at the time of its inception and those which are due to hindsight. The balance shows that it was an inspired, humane response to a dreadful predicament and as such a success. It was not the principles which were at fault, as its original opponents claimed, but the subsequent neglect of its potential to challenge dictatorship by imaginative means and the complacency and lack of vision to which its guardians succumbed.

Brandt later turned his attention to the third world, setting up the now almost forgotten North-South Commission. It was a brave attempt to put a neglected problem onto the international agenda, and its ideas have since gained curren-

But even he admits that the commission failed to instigate the practical action he had hoped for and that, by the end of the 1980s, very few "developing" countries could be said to be developing at all. Brandt's conclusion that such enterprises do not change the conduct of governments of the time, but form opinions and encourage alternatives a generation down the line, may yet prove that his efforts were not in vain.

These memoirs are a rarity in both their scope and detail. They Weimar Republic to the eve of unification through the eyes of a man of extraordinary talents and all too human weaknesses. Willy Brandt at 79 is alling but still vociferous. In a Europe dominated by detail-obsessed technocrats. whose vision and concerns seldom extend beyond the next election, he remains outstanding.

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TED HUGHES

Shakespeare and the Goddess

n his review on April 9 in The Times of my book Shakespeare and the Goddess of Complete Being (Faber, £18.99), Eric Grif-fiths's approach to Shakespeare, so opposite to mine, conveniently defined what the book seems to be expected to be, but most definitely is not. Almost all commentaries about Shakespeare (except bi-ographies) belong to the academic field, and are written by those who work in it. Griffiths views the plays from the standpoint of one who teaches them to students, within that apparatus of literary criticism and scholarship, for exams.

I view them from the more practical standpoint of one who constantly dismantles them (and has done for 45 years), examining their parts like an industrial spy, not for the purpose of discursive comment, but with the sole idea of appropriating, somehow, the secrets of what makes them work as fascinating stage events, as big poems, and as language, so that I can adapt them to my own doings in. different circumstances.

Griffiths spends his days thinking and talking about scholarship and criticism. I spend my days, as I always have done, inventing and thinking about new poetic fables which, though vastly inferior to Shakespeare's in every way, as I do not need to be told, are nevertheless the same kind of thing. My book is my view of his operations. Griffiths, it seems to me, is really telling readers of The Times that I have not written his kind of book, and he

It is not a long complicated book, but about twenty quite short very simplified books, all interconnected. Broadly, I present Shakespeare's mature plays, from All's Well That the successive hearings of a court case, which I follow up through a detective investigation. This is specifically the trial of the English (Puritan/Protestant) mind. The criminal's victim is his hest beloved this mother, wife, daughter). Shakespeare is a severe judge. In fact, he exacts Divine Judgment. Yes, Griffiths is correct, this

court case does implicate the English Reformation, not as a bonus" as he wittily suggests. but integrally. Maybe he can encapsulation of

. . the whole offence From Luther until now That has driven a culture

And yet. Shakespeare does isolate his mythic court case of the hero's guilt as the "key to all mythologies" - or at least, the key to all mythologies remotely connected with and central to the Christian inheritance. Griffiths pokes superior fun at such a possibility (his own Shakespeare has no extra-curricular life) - and puts

his finger right on it. The key to the psychological source of all these mythologies is: Act I. Man worshipping the Female as his Creatrix and the source of happiness and life; Act II. Man destroying the Female — and expropriating her sexually creative magic (as ritual, culture and science).

Shakespeare adds (with mythic help) his own third segments Act III, Man, corrected by his punishment, is redeemed by the Female who survived his assault. This priA reply to Eric Griffiths



Elizabeth Taylor as Cleopatra: one of the goddesses

ic", and it ushers in his bete

The crux of this fable that

Shakespeare has selected (out

of all the thousands available

to him) for his first ambitious

poem is the metamorphosis of

Adonis into a flower. Into this

plot, Shakespeare incorporat-

ed another fable and another

myth, fusing them in the person of Adonis. Both are

variants of his myth, and in

both a metamorphosis is the

Not only is this demi-god's fate infinitely dramatic, his

very nature is to change shape

and be reborn as something

else or in some other dimen-

crux of the theme.

noire - metamorphosis.

meval schema is interesting. only insofar as Shakespeare incarnates it in lives we recognise as our own. At the same time, what is also interesting. and seemed worth a book, is the fact that Shakespeare's whole vision, particularly his tragic drama, takes its shape from this "key to all mythologies". No other writer's works

Shakespeare casts the crime of the accused into a parable: the myth of Venus and Adonis. in a form that he took superficially from Ovid's Metamorphoses. This is where Eric Griffiths becomes nervous: myth, to him, is synonymous with the "intellectually chaotcan argue that this was his careful assembly, in his laboratory, of his earth-shaker. By the end of this poem, in which Shakespeare took full

that bores Eric Griffiths. But it

did not bore Shakespeare. I

possession of his seminal myth for the first time, Adonis has become a dense complex of metamorphic possibilities, a crossroads of heavy metamorphic traffic. The constituents of this protean hero are: his own puritanical temper (that rejected the goddess in theological terms). Persephone the queen of hell, her consort in hell, the wild boar which is her animal form, their kingdom of hell, the erotic fury of a waternymph, a hermaphrodite, a flower and its future between the breasts of the goddess Venus in heaven.

Nobody doubts Shakespeare's love of the metamorphoses in Ovid. But here he seems to be demonstrating a positive obsession. Yet above all others Shakespeare knew how to find the plot that gave him the perfect image of what he had to say. Griffith's allergy to metamorphosis is not an allergy to my book, as he professes, but to Shakespeare's poetic life.

Though Griffiths deplores it, nevertheless this shameless shape-shifting still insists on being the first principle of poetic creation. Anything can stand for or become anything else, and it is only an intelligent creative pattern that fixes the relationships between these things and makes meaning. But if you cannot see the patterns it is, as Griffiths says, "the iumble of an occult bookshop". Whoever lacks those "polaroids" that enable sion. This is the sort of thing one to see the patterns in the ments shifted.

which is the most psychologically dynamic form of metaphor, will never see through the surface effects of poetry.

Shakespeare went on to develop the fate of this multiple, self-contradictory being — his reborn form of Adonis — in the fable of Tarquin. If my book can show how, by amalgamating those fables and the plots of his two long poems, Shakespeare created a single explosive dramatic action, and if it can show how he pursued that action through the entire court case mentioned above. then every chapter should have a good deal to say about the musical and evolving patterns of those metamorphic elements. The theme of my book is to argue that from Measure For Measure onwards these processes - the court case, the evolution of the myth, and the fugue of meta-

morphoses — are self-evident. Because of his rejection of metamorphosis and its ilk. and his apparent blindness to any substructure in Shakespeare's ideas, Griffiths is effectively excluded from the world I am talking about. Everything his eye manages to catch in my book, apart from the two or three petty editorial "howlers" that refresh him so much, he seems to invert or

misunderstand. He flares his gown at me and calls me a "cultural peasant in search of miracles" meaning, I can only suppose, that the aristocracy of the imagination is telling me that Shakespeare is the last place to look for them. That is the view of one of those testy curators who go into spluttering jitters when they find their orna-

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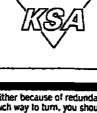
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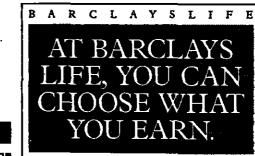
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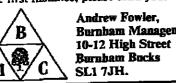
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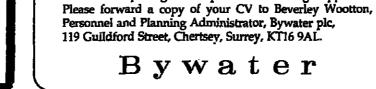
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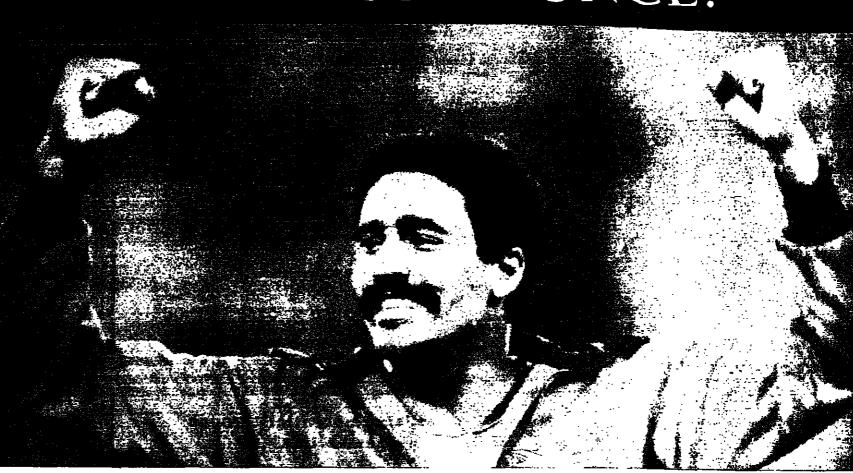
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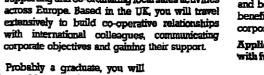
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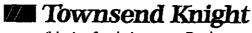
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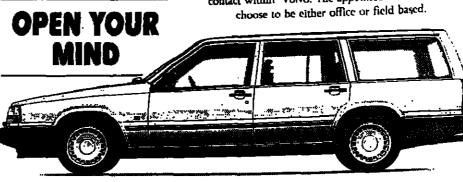
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Mergers and acquisitions was once a leading feature of British business life. How are its practitioners getting on now? Clare Hogg finds out

Secrets of the City survivors

doldrums. So is most of whereas many companies are admitting to a significant amount of "downsizing", those specialising in the M&A field are emerging unscathed. What is their secret? Korn/Ferry International, a

leading executive search firm, recently conducted a survey, which found that the M&A experts' weapons for survival are "a high degree of sector specialisation, language skills, creativity and a strong streak of arrogance".

Banks today are looking for sector specialists in order to be able to offer what is termed "value tions of growth improve in the added" service to second half of the

thence gain an The expert of edge in the market. Schroders the future will for example, is particularly wellneed the best established in the personal skills oil and gas seetors. Salomon Brothers and and intellect' Goldman Sachs

for their knowledge of financial institutions. As Richard Templeton, director of senior corporate finance at Robert Fleming. says, "Five years ago, M & A consisted of bright people reading newspapers and chasing leads -

altogether pretty crude.

Now M & A specialists need to he more sophisticated and to have specialist knowledge of market sectors in order to survive."

Languages are another weapon in the armoury of the M&A specialist intent on remaining in employment. In Germany, for example, there are many privately owned medium-size companies looking for buyers because there are no further family members to take them over. German is therefore in particular demand.

The requirement for languages reflects the changing nature of the

M & A business. "Gone are the days of the mega deal," explains Ed Kelley, chief executive of Korn/Ferry Europe. "Now most of the interest is in smaller deals." and, he says, the overseas market is making a sizeable contribution.

Those working in banks with highly active overseas offices or associates — a field in which Samuel Montagu has done especially well - are still kept busy with work coming in from abroad, and there is still plenty of demand for the deal-structuring expertise of many banks in London.

Peter Martin, of Kleinwort Benson, notes another significant change in the market. "If expecta-

year." he says, "it is likely that we upturn."However, the motive change. In the next year or two. we may well see more defensive

strategically driven transactions than in the recent past." Richard Heley, head of corporate finance at Hill Samuel, believes that those who aim to survive in such an environment, and to contribute to an upturn, will need "aggression, self-confidence, extroversion, egotism, high intellect and an advanced degree of creativity, as

willing to bash down doors."
Mr Heley says that M & A brokers — "the estate agents, as opposed to the barristers of the business" - will have to sell even more energetically. "Exhibitionists with marketing skills will have

well as being thick-skinned and

much to offer." he adds.
Anthony McGrath, director of specialist M & A department at Barings, is not so convinced by the requirement for arrogance identi-fied by the Korn/Ferry survey. "The



"A shining example of an M & A expert": but Colin Keer, who is 42, left the mergers and acquisitions field this year to set up as a landscape and garden designer

M & A experts of the future will need excellent personal skills and a high degree of intellectual horsepower, a 'curly' mind, imagination and the ability to think laterally and creatively." he says.
"As for arrogance, I think the

market for arrogant people is limited — it tends to get in the way of communication."

Arrogant or no, says Cindy Cottman, head of Korn/Ferry's financial services sector in the UK, the M & A specialist must be highly competitive. "He or she needs to have the best idea, to have done the best seconds and to perceive the best research, and to negotiate the best financing package in order to be successful."

The creative mind, Mrs Comman says, is important. She looks at past transactions for proof of this and for some evidence of interesting and demanding outside interests. Richard Heley, for example, is a successful and, admittedly fanatically competitive horse-rider.

Despite these developments, there is a steady movement out of the M&A function into other

areas. These people are of such a calibre that they are rarely left without a job.

Most employers do their best to hang on to them. Hoare Govett, for example, which closed its M&A division in London completely, was able to reassign most of those who had worked in the division because of their adaptability.

In having a separate M & A department, Hoare Govett is typical of many American houses. British houses by contrast, tend to have M&A as a function of the corporate finance department.

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finance directors or move to a corporate-acquisition function within industry. People leaving UK houses have a bit more difficulty.

If they are coming from the leading financial houses, they face

the alternative of moving to less eminent organisations, or of leaving the business altogether.

Ms Cottman cites Colin Keer as a shining example of an M&A expert who did just this. "He was

successful and admired," she says.
"His quitting came as a shock to the industry. He had the courage to bail out and do something that was

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Those who are less entreprencurially inclined, and who remain deeply enmeshed in the fi-nancial sector, have to face the fact that it will be a long time before the M&A market starts to include many of what Mr Kelley describes as "big ticket items", the exciting marriages of the big multinat-

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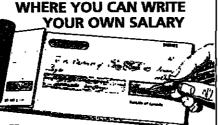
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qualify for capital allowances under the provisions of sections

41 or 44 of the Finance Act 1971.

Moreover, the animals could not be described as goods being

stored on their arrival into the United Kingdom within the meaning of section 7(1)(fi)(iv) of the Capital Allowances Act 1968 so that there was no entitlement to the industrial buildings allowance

given by section 1(1) of that Act. Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-

Chancellor, so held in allowing an appeal by the Crown and dismiss-

Judement April 21

Prosecution stays exceptional

Attorney-general's Reference (No 1 of 1990) Before Lord Lane. Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Macpherson and Mr Justice Judge

Judgment April 13] Imposing a stay on a prosecution because of delay, even if the delay could be said to be unjustifiable. than the rule, the Court of Appeal held in reserved judgment on a reference by the Attorney-general of a point of law under section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1972.

The reference followed an order by Judge Holden in Isleworth Crown Court in acceding to submissions on behalf of the respondent, an officer of the Metropolitan Police, to stay proceedings against him for two offences of occasioning actual bodily harm, contrary to section 47 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861, to the father Murphy on August 16, 1987.

Mr Anthony Hooper, QC and Mr Oliver Sells for the Attorney-general: Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC and Mr Peter Cooper for the

THE LORD CHIEF JUS-TICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the respondent was called to an incident following a wedding party in west London. Two young men called Murphy were arrested and charged with public order of-

As a result of the incident a number of complaints by mem-bers of the public were made about the conduct of some of the police officers who had attended the incident. A formal investigainstance of the Director of Public Prosecutions, proceedings were launched against the respondent on March 2, 1989.

Isleworth Crown Court and came before Judge Holden on Decem-ber 11, 1989. He acceded to the respondent's submissions and ordered the proceedings to be stayed. On December 22, the prosecution offered no evidence and a verdict of not guilty was entered by direction.

The question of delay was at the

The respondent was informed the incident that a complaint had been made against him. He did not take the opportunity to connor did he before then carry out or arrange for the carrying out of

An interim police report was submitted in September 1987 and further investigation of the complaint was deferred until the criminal proceedings against the Brooks by stressing that the trial Murphy brothers had been con-cluded, on January 19, 1988, when both were acquitted.

The investigation of the complaints against the respondent was resumed.

Many written statements and hundreds of documents were seized. The report comprised no fewer than 235 paragraphs and was suppored by 112 pages of statements and 366 pages of

Th respondent consulted a solicitor for the first time after papers were served on him on March 20, 1989.

Judge Holden had said that he had concluded that the delay on a balance of probabilities might be prejudicial. He did not say that it was bound to be. He thought that the prosecution and investigation team had done the best of jobs in the right spirit and the fairest frame of mind. He directed the

The Autorney-general's sub-mission, in short, was that the judge's ruling was wrong. Mr Arlidge based his sub-mission primarily on the terms of clause 29 of the 1225 and 1297 editions of Magna Carta: "We will not deny or defer to any man either justice or right."

Their Lordships disagreed with the whole basis of the argument. The delay or deferment in the context of clause 29 meant at its lowest, wrongful delay or defer-ment, such as was not justified by

the circumstances of the case.

There was no statutory limitation period for criminal proceedings such as those in the instant

His Lordship considered Connelly v DPP [[1964] AC 1254]; Mills v Cooper [[1967] 2 QB 467]; DPP v Humphys [[1977] AC 46) and Hunter v Chief Constable of the West Midlands Police [[1982] AC

many different forms: about methods used to investigate the offence: R v Heston-Francols ([1984] 1 QB 278), and a misuse of the process of the court to escape statutory time limits: $(R \ v)$ Brentford Justices, Ex parte Wong (1980) 73 Cr App R 67).

However, the most usual ground was that based on delay. that is, the lapse of time between the commission of the offence and

the commission of the offence and the start of the trial.

The number of applications based on that ground had increased alarmingly over the past few years. R v Derby Crown Court. Ex parte Brooks (1985) SO Cr App R 164. 168) provided guidelines for courts faced with the problem of delay.

Their nordships added to the Their Lordships added to the

statement of principle in Exparte

process itself was equipped to deal with the bulk of complaints which had in recent Divisional Court cases founded application for a stay. R v Heston-Francois (at p290) merited more attention

Although decisions in such cases would very much depend on their own facts, it was not easy to reconcile some of the more recent cases with the principles enunciated in Heston-Francois. In Archbold's Criminal Pleading Evidence and Practice (44th edi tion (1992) voi I paragraph 4-45) the most important of the cases was R v Bow Street Stipediary

Magistrate. Ex parte Cherry ((1990) 91 Cr App R 283). The earlier and stricter rule had been broadened. Their Lordships felt themselves able to agree with Mr Hooper that the answer was a qualified 'yes' to the first ques-tion on the reference, namely. whether proceedings on indictment might be stayed on the ground of prejudice resulting from delay in the institution of the proceedings even though that delay had not been occasion any fault on the part of the

However, as stated by Lord Mortis in Connelly "Generally speaking a prosecutor has as much right as a defendant to demand a verdict of a jury on an outstanding indictment and where either demands a verdict, a judge has no jurisdiction to stand in the way of it."

In principle, stays imposed on the ground of delay or for any other reason should only be employed in exceptional circumsances. If they were to become a matter of routine, it the public, understandably viewed the process with suspicion

In principle, even where the delay could be said to be unjustifiable, the imposition of a perma-nent stay should be the exception rather than the rule. Still more rare, should be cases where a stay could properly be imposed in the absence of any fault on the part of the complainant or prosecution.

Delay due merely to the complexity of the case or contrib-uted to by the actions of the defendant himself was never to be

and mistrust.

the foundation for a stay. No stay was to be imposed unless the defendant showed on the balance of probabilities that, owing to the delay, he would suffer serious prejudice to the extent that no fair trial could be held: in other words, that the continuance of the prosecution amounted to a mi suse of the

in assessing whether there was

likely to be prejudice and, if so, whether it could properly be described as serious, the following matters were to be borne in mind:

I The power of the judge at common law and under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 to regulate the admissibility of

2 The trial process itself, which should ensure that all relevant factual issues arising from delay would be placed before the jury as part of the evidence for their consideration, together with the powers of the judge to give appropriate directions to the jury they considered their

It followed that the judge's decision to stay the proceedings was wrong. The delay, such as it was, was not unjustifiable; the chances of prejudice were remote; the degree of potential prejudice was small; the powers of the judge at the trial process itself would have provided ample protection for the defendant; there was no danger of the trial being unfair; in any event the case was in no sense exceptional so as to justify the tuling.
Their Lordships hoped that the

present judgment would result in a significant reduction in the number of applications to stay proceedings on the ground of delay. The exceptional nature of the jurisdiction was emphasised.

In the event of an unsuccessful application to the crown court on proceed in acordance with the ruling of the trial judge and, if necessary, the point should be argued as part of any appeal to the Court of Appeal, Criminal

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A 28-day immediate custodial

sentence was wrong in principle on a man aged 42 of previously

good character who contravened section 14(1) of the Sexual Of-fences Act 1958 by indecently

assaulting a young woman stand-ing in a London Underground

train.
The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Macpherson and Mr Justice Judge) so

stated on April 7 in refusing Zohair Neem, a US citizen res-

ident in Brussels, leave to appeal against conviction at Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court (Mr Re-

corder R. E. Rhodes, QC and a

Regina v Neem

Prison sentence

was wrong

Kennels are not plant

Sayer, from a determination by East Grinstead general commis-Carr (Inspector of Taxes) v sioners that had upheld appeals Sayer and Another v Carr against income tax assessments for the years from 1984 to 1987. Before Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-

Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown; the taxpayers did not Expenditure on constructing THE VICE-CHANCELLOR permanent quarantine kennels for cass and dogs brought into the

said that the tampayers carried on a business of providing quar-antine kennels for cats and dogs. They spent £77,611 in constructing the kennels at their premises. By section 41 of the 1971 Act 2 first-year allowance was available to a person carrying on a trade incurring capital expenditure on the provision of machinery or comparably worded provision regarding a writing-down

There was no statutory defi-nition of "plant" but it carried a connotation of equipment or apparatus. It did not convey a buildings in general. The premises, whet

or factory, at or in which a business was carried on would not normally be understood as intended to be embraced by the expression "machinery or plant". Tax incentives, now phased out. had been available for certain

types of capital expenditure but not others and that was the boundary line. However, equipment did not cease to be plant because it was so substantial that, when fixed, it annacted the label of a structure or even a building. Conversely, buildings did not cease to be buildings and become plant simply because they were purpose built for a particular trading

permanent buildings or struc-tures and they were used as such. thstanding their special design features they were the premises at which and in which the taxpayers' business was con-They were not to be dassified as plant

In the alternative, the taxpavers

1 of the Capital Allowances Act 1968 for an initial allowance on the construction of an industrial

By section 7(1)(f)(iv) such a building included one in use, for the purposes of a trade which consists in the storage ... of goods or materials on their arrival by sea or air into any part of the United Kingdom".

The end product envisaged by that provision was of a different order from the facility provided by the taxpayers. The kennels existed to provide for owners the means of complying with statutory requirements of animal isolation on public health grounds.

Such a facility did not fall naturally within the scope of an enactment concerned to encourage the provision of storage facilities in support of ports. It was not a facility that could be described as the storage of goods

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Juror separated from jury

Regina v Chandler

While it was plainly an irregular-ity where, after the completion of the somming-up in a criminal trial, a juior separated himself from the other jurors and was not for that period thicker the control of the jury balliff, it was not necessary to discharge the jury unless the irregularity went to the

jury) but reducing the sentence of 28 days imprisonment to a £300 fine. An order to pay £250 compensation was unchanged

MR JUSTICE MAC-PHERSON said that the case

could have been dealt with in

magistrates' court, where such cases on conviction were visited

with a comparatively small line but the appellant chose to go for

The recorder took too serious a view of what had happened. The prison sentence was wrong in

and a £600 prosecut order reduced to £300.

essential departure from the well established rules of criminal The Coun of Appeal (Lord Justice Steyn, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Morland) so held

character that it constituted an

on March 27 in dismissing an appeal by David John Chandler against his conviction in Septem-ber 1989 at Inner London Crown Court (Judge Pryor and a jury) of being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of the pro-hibition on the importation of a controlled Class B drug. MR JUSTICE TURNER said

that it was incumbent on the trial judge to conduct an investigation, as he did in the present case, in order properly to evaluate the extent of the departure from the stablished rules.

The judge found that the separation of one juror from the rest must have lasted about 15 or 20 minutes. For about two thirds of that time he was with either the chief clerk or deputy chief clerk and before that time no irregularity had taken place.
While what happened was

plainly an integularity, it was not one which was likely to recur nor one in which the particular facts actually threatened the integrity of the process of deliberation by the jury as a whole.

Way to challenge housing duty LORD JUSTICE NOLAN said

Ali (Mohram) v Tower Ham-lets London Borough that Mr Ali had been designated Council

Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Nolan [Judgment April 2]

The manner in which a local authority performed its duty to house persons found to be home-less could be challenged only by way of judicial review. Unless he could establish a breach of a private law right, a homeless person who was offered accomdation he considered unsuitable could not challenge the council's decision on its merits.

The Court of Appeal so held in upholding an appeal by Tower Hamlets London Borough Council from a decision of Mr Recorder cil from a decision of Mr Recorder
Lockhart-Munmery, QC, at Bow
County Court on December 17.
1991 on a preliminary issue
whether accommodation offered
to the applicant, Mr Mohram Ali,
under sections 65 and 69 of the
Housing Act 1985 was suitable
fell to be determined by the county court in proceedings for breach of

Mr Ashley Underwood and Miss Lisa Giovannetti for the council; Mr David Watkinson and Miss Frances Webber for Mr

as homeless by the council which accommodation was made available to him and his family. He had refused offered accom

modation on the sixth floor of a tower block on medical grounds racially harassed there. The council had said that was its final offer and Mr Ali had issued proceed ings in the county court for breach of statutory duty If, as a matter of public law, the

council had properly completed the process of deciding upon the suitable accommodation was obliged to secure for Mr Ali, his consequential private law right was simply a right to the accommodation which the country of the countr cil had decided to be suitable. The

Lord Justice Farmuharson and Lord Justice Parker agreed: Solicitors: Mr J. E. Marjowe, Berhnall Green; T. V. Edwards & Co. Stepney.

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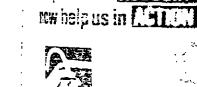
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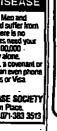
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11.00 News, regional news and weather (3657326) 11.05 Gardenwise. A new series of gardening tips presented by David Stevens and Lydia Cooke (s) (8584326)

11.30 People Today with Miriam Stoppard and Adrian Mills. In Stories of Courage people describe their personal experiences (8343177) 12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.20 Pebble Mill. Music and chat introduced by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (8371887) 12.55 Regional News and weather (13378051)

1.00 One O'Clock News. Weather (82644)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (64952245) 1.50 Turnabout presented by Rob Curling (64956061)
2.15 Film: Blue Fin (1978) starring Greg Rowe and Hardy Kruger. The

captain of a trawler does not believe his son has the makings of a good sailor. Directed by Carl Schultz (8019448)

3.40 Cartoon (r) (2241887) 3.50 Henry's Cat (r) (4655069) 4.05 The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse (r) (9131055) 4.20 Happy Families: Mr Tick the Teacher (9225448) 4.35 Tricks 'n' Tracks.

Magic acts and chart music. (Ceefax) (s) (8992974) 5.00 Newstround. News for younger viewers (8291871) 5.05 Blue Peter. Includes John Leslie attempting the Royal Marines' endurance course. (Ceefax) (s) (8124993) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (278968). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (535) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (887). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Top of the Pops (s) (5603) 7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (871)



Triple deception: Bill Owen, Peter Sallis, Brian Wilde (8.00pm)

8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. Comedy adventures of the three elderly finends, starring Bill Owen, Peter Sallis and Brian Wilde. This week the trio become involved in a spot of deception in order to e Howard from the wrath of Pearl. (Ceefax) (s) (4351)

8.30 2 Point 4 Children. Comedy about the stresses of family life starring Belinda Lang and Gary Olsen. The highlight of Bill and Ben's weekend arrives with lunch at his sister's. (Ceefax) (s) (4018) 9.00 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather

9.30 Crimewatch UK presented by Nick Ross and Sue Cook. Includes reconstructions of the murders of Tracy Meade and Detective Constable Jim Morrison. Viewers who feel able to help with these or other cases featured are invited to call on 081-811 8181 from 9.30pm until midright (960177)

10.15 The Full Wax. Manic Ruby Wax is joined by across Rupert Everett and Tulier Streets on She performs her own version of Jes

and Juliet Stevenson. She performs her own version of Les Misérables and goes behind the scenes with John Nettles and Rula Lenska (s) (738429)

10.45 Wet Wet Wet in Concert: High on the Happy Side recorded live at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham (s) (631448) 11.40 Crimewatch UK Update (762887)

11.50 Holy Week: The Gospels. Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem (775351)

12.05am Weather (5569949)

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i.45 Open University: Electrons and atoms (7943351). Ends at 7.10

8.00 Breakfast News (6804245) 8.15 Look Stranger. The story of a barge captain (r) (3607413)
9.00 Film: Tarzan and the Huntress (1947, bAv) starring Johnny
Weissmuller. Hunters intent on trapping animals for 2005 are folled
for the jumple have. Climated for Visit Marianana (2104905)

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by the jungle hero. Directed by Kurt Neumann (3101806) 10.15 Film: No Highway (1951, b/w) staming James Stewart and Marlene Dietrich, A professor discovers there is a design fault on the plane he is travelling. Directed by Henry Koster (25713429)

11.50 Two Sides of a Street, A factual soap (7229974) 12.30 Realm of

the Alligator. The Okelenokee swamp (7755448) 1.20 The Brollys (r) (83698326) 1.35 Bellamy's Seaside Safari (r) (90247023)

2.00 News and weather (30977516) followed by Famous Faces Favourite Places. Happy haunts of the late columnist Jean Rook (r) (30976887) 2.10 The Passion of Pernambuco. Every year 500

Brazilian farmers recreate Christ's Passion (r) (4247351) 3.00 News and weather (7322041) 3.05 High Chapanral. Western adventures (r) (3765581) 3.50 News and weather (2165413)

4.00 Made by Hand. How to roll Dutch cigars (9130326) 4.15 The Perfect English Village with Nigel Farrell (5187608)
5.10 The Brahms Symphonies. Symphony No 2 in D major is played by the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur (5001974)
6.00 Film: Spiderman (1977) starring Nicholas Hammond as the scientist who is bitten by a radioactive spider and goes on to achieve superhero status. Directed by E. W. Swackhamer (57429). Wales:

Film: Big Top Peewee 7.20 Taking Liberties 7.30 First Sight: A Burning Desire, Jayne Evans reports on pioneering work in America looking into the crime of arson (413). Northern freland: Situations Vacant; Northern freland (7.50-8.30) Statements; East: Matter of Fact; Midlands; Midlands Report, North, North-east, North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west

North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west: Western Approach; West: Current Account

8.00 Taking Liberties: The Appliance of Science

CHOICE: The case of the Birmingham Six highlighted disquiet about the reliability of expert witnesses and scientific evidence in court proceedings. Taking Liberties returns to the subject with three more instances of apparently infallfible techniques resulting in miscarriages of justice. One man was charged with rape after fibres allegedly from his jumper were found on the victim. He had to raise £3,000 to have this evidence demolished. A second man was charged with armed robbery when he was wrongly identified on a charged with armed robbery when he was wrongly identified on a security video. The third case involves a suspected bank robber and the first person to be convicted by so-called facial mapping (2993) 8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson road tests the Rocket (8500) 9.00 Harry Enfield's Television Programme. The master of disguise is

joined by Paul Whitehouse, Kathy Burke, Gary Bleasdale and Joe McGann. (Ceefax) (1622)



The downfall of Argentine's junta: Graham-Yooli (9.30pm)

 CHOICE: Andrew Graham-Yooli's view of the Falklands conflict is set in the context of the so-called Dirty War which preceded it. Graham-Yooll was born in Buenos Aires and grew up in a comfortable Anglo-Argentine world of half-timbered houses and privet hedges. When the military junta took power in 1976 he was working as a journalist. His frank reporting of the reign of terror in which 30,000 people were "disappeared" led to forced exile in Britain. In this film he tracks down General Menendez, a key player in both the Dirty War and the Falklands invasion. Taxed with a record of torture and other atrocities, the general is unapologetic. Graham-Youll says the biggest benefit of the Falklands war was the downfall of the junta (843061)

10.10 The Nicholas Craig Masterclass. Nicholas Craig, alias Nigel Planer, gives tips on how to become a top weather forecaster (Ceefax) (s) (562871) 10.30 Newsnight (895719)

11.15 The Late Show. Philosophers Jacques Attali and Jacques Rupnik discuss the future of Europe after Communism with Michael Ignateff (492326) 11.55 Weather (564852) 12.00 Open University (64982). Ends at 12.30am

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6.00 TV-am (810516) 9.25 Cross Wits with Tom O'Connor (4470142) 9.55 Thames News

10.00 Out of this World. Evie spends her college-fund cash (s) (7479679) 10.25 Just for the Record. Featuring a BMX champion postman, a dencing policeman and a nerds society (s) (r) (5467055)

10.50 News headlines (8667603) 10.55 Treasure Island in Outer Space. Adventure series (r) (2936968) 11.50 Thames News (4390603) 11.55 Cartoon with Porky Pig (r) (7895887) 12.10 The

idlers. Puppet series (7104784) 12.30 Lunchtime News with Sonia Ruseler and Nicholas Owen. Weather (8911697) 1.10 Thames News (24401448)
1.20 Home and Away. Australian drama series. (Oracle) (86150072)
1.50 A Country Practice. Medical series set in the Australian

outback (s) (44948036) 2.20 TV Weekly with Anne Diamond (59975245) 2.50 Take the High Road (8158177) 3.15 ITN News (1128608) 3.20 Thames News (8873531) 3.25 The Young Doctors (1027871)

 3.55 The Raggy Dolls (r) (2151210) 4.05 Kappatoo II. Cornedy science-fiction series (7651789) 4.35 Count Duckula (r) (8814142) 5.00 Cartoon with Roadrunner (r) (7227264)

5.10 Who's the Boss? American comedy series starring Tony Danza (8118332) 5.40 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (529719) 5.55 Thames

Help with Jackie Spreddey. A look at Woodlore, an organisation for those wishing to get away from it all (266806)

6.00 Home and Away. (Oracle) (r) (603)

6.30 Thames News (Oracle) (555)

7.00 Emmendale. More comings and goings with the country folk.

(Oracle) (7871) 7.30 Just For Laughs. Compilation of dips taken from classic British comedy films (r) (239) 8.00 The Bill: A Can of Worms. PC Stringer wages war on a minicab



Fighting Yugoslavia's civil war: a British mercenary (8.30pm)

8.30 This Week. As our troops prepare to join the UN peacekeeping force in Yugoslavia, the "Dogs of War", British mercenaries who have volunteered to fight for the Croatlans against the Serbian eral forces, talk about why they have left their jobs and families and travelled across Europe to fight someone else's battle (2326)

9.00 LA Law: Monkey on My Back Lot. Superior courtroom drama series starting Susan Dey and Corbin Bemsen. Grace reluctantly agrees to help a child abuser fight for the removal of a contraceptive implant; and Roxanne and Arnold consider moving in together

 10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Carol Barnes. (Oracle)
 Weather (22055) 10.30 Thames News (458887)
 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Cult Australian drama series set in a women's remand centre (814239)

11.30 01. Includes an interview with David Cronenberg about his new film Naked Lunch; and Shirley Conran joins Richard Jobson and Paula Yates for Main Course (s) (64158)

12.00 A Problem Aired. Dr John Cobb talks to a mother who lost her

young daughter in a road accident (91036)

12.30am Alfred Hitchcock Presents starring David Cassidy as a rock star

who stages his own death (62036) 1.00 Film: The Leopard (1984) starring Claude Brasseur and Dominique Lavanant as an eccentric accident-prone couple. Directed by Jean-Claude Sussfeld (12678)

3.00 The Truth About Women. Eve Pollard is joined by Libby Purves, Jane Barry and Denise Kingsmill to discuss a single woman's life in the 1990s (76388)

3.30 Men. Pilot for a series about a group of friends who meet to play

poker (s) (r) (11307) 4.30 America's Top Ten (s) (r) (77017)

5.00 Videofashion (r) (54678) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (92765). Ends at 6.00

RADIO 3

CHANNEL4

6.00 Channel 4 Dally (8918158) 9.25 The Munsters (b/w). Classic comedy with the macabre family (Teletext) (r) (4478784)

9.55 Road To Avonlea. Children's drama series (r) (5644177) 10.50 Pete Smith Specialities. A look at the chaos of sales (3586806) 11.00 Gamesmaster. Video game show (r) (1482326)

11.35 Get Smart. Secret agent spoof starring Don Adams (2829500)
12.00 Noah's Ark. A portrait of the Chilean Ilama (29968)
12.30 Business Daily (44719) 1.00 Sesame Street (r) (32974) 2.00 All the Waters of Wye. The third part of Julian Mitchell's re-

creation of an 18th century trip down the River Wye (r) (59899871)

2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.35,3.05, 3.40 and 4.40 races (73684429)
4.30 Fifteen to Orie. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (s) (852)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Drivers Who Can't Stop Drinking. There are two panels, one made up of repeat offenders, the other including two mothers who lost their children because of drunken

drivers (4539697) 5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (r) (256429) 6.00 My Two Dads. Risible American comedy. (Teletext) (s) (245) 6.30 Remote Control. Bizarre quiz show (697)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather 7.50 Things That Don't Exist. The first in a series of programmes examining widely held but erroneous beliefs. Today: common-law marriage (155806)

8.00 Opinions CHOICE: An American economist based in Britain, DeAnne Julius looks at the consequences of the ending of the military-industrial complex which has underpinned the United States economy for 40 years. She argues that America is at a watershed in its history and self-definition, a watershed closely connected with the collapse of the Soviet Union, Without that external focus, America will have to confront its own internal difficulties. At the moment, she says, America is losing its way, its dream undermined by a stagnating economy for which the old Keynesian remedies are no longer relevant. She reckons that in a climate of increasing economic interdependence Americans need to put their ideological blinkers

aside and be prepared to learn from the Germans, the French, the Japanese and even, flatteringly, the British (7061)

8.30 The Big One: Foul Play. Last in the cornedy series starring Mike McShane and Sandi Toksvig, the little and large of the ad-lib circuits

9.00 Israel: A Nation is Born. Final episode in the documentary series exploring the troubled history of one of the world's most turbulent states. (Teletext) (s) (3351)



A guru too many? Rytasha in Bangladesh (10.00pm)

10.00 True Stories: Angel of Bengal

■ CHOICE: Rytasha is a Joan Collins lookalike from Palm Beach who has thrown up the glamorous life of a model to help the poor of Bangladesh. Money raised at glitzy society parties in the United States is spent on schools and irrigation schemes for starving people. So far, so worthy, But, as Anna Raphael's gently sceptical film reveals, not all Rytasha's initiatives have been appreciated. A Bangladeshi village put up a plan for a much-needed clinic. Instead the building has become a school for Rytasha's followers. Rytasha insists that spirituality comes first. The locals retort that spirituality cannot fill an empty stomach. As a relief worker puts it: "The one thing we do not need on this sub-continent is spiritual guidance. We have gurus a dime a dozen." Travelling to Bangladesh to face her critics, Rytasha is petulantly defiant (3626210)

11.20 Dave Stewart and the Spiritual Cowboys. The former

Eurythmics star and his riew band romp through the background of their first album (s) (r) (580055)

11.55 Russian New Music. Leo Feigin introduces a group who use handmade instruments to explore the new music terrain (237516)

12.25am Film: Izzy And Moe (1985) starring Jackie Gleason and Art Carney as two failed vaudeville stars in the 1920s who fight Prohibition in their own inimitable way. Directed by Jacki Cooper

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SATELLITE

Via the Astre and Marcocolo satellitus.

6.00am The D1 ka; Show (76244177) 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot (3553210) 8.55 Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5458697) 9.30 The New Leave II to Beaver (71887) 10.00 Maude (17390) It to Beaver 17:18871 10.00 Maude 1173901 10.30 The Young Doctors 1695001 11.00 The Young and the Resiles: (313321 12.00 Barraby lones: 812101 1.00pm E Street 124481 130 Another World (8822177) 2.20 Santa Barbara 1545665351 2.45 The Bodd and the Beauthul (127264) 3.15 The Brady Bunch 1241771 3.45 The DJ Kat Show (2010506) 5.00 Driftnent Strok es (258115.30 Bewitched (597416.00 Facts of Life (288716.30 E Street 14069) 7.00 Love at First Sight (524517.30 Groveng Paris (535118.00 Full House (4993) 8.30 Murphy Brown 155001 9.00 Chances 8.30 Murphy Brown (5500) 9,00 Chances (24993) 10,00 Study (51581) 10,30 Chances (84903) 11,30 Fashion TV (51734) 12.00 Designing Women (15630) 12.30am

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SKY MOVIES+

What the Astra and Marcopolo satalities. 6.00am Showcase (8520448) 10.00 Running Mates (1986): Two teenages get involved in a political race between their respective fathers (86719)

12.00 Lady Caroline Lamb (1983): Sarah Miles has an affair with the poet Byron (82012087) 2.05aza Ambush Bay (1966); Second world

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A man is able to incinerate people (736456) 2.55 The Ultimate Warrior (1975). Thrifer set in the 21st century (8055456) 4.15 A Curt Above (1989): Comedy about a medical student (3902369). Ends at 5.00

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6.15am The Megic Sword (1962): A knight sets out to rescue a princes (1993): 8.15 The Gift (1979): A salor returns to his old Brooklyn neighbourhood (597891)
10.15 The Postman Always Rings Twice (1946, blv/; Lana Turner piots to murder her huzband with her lover (930577)
12.15pm The Guys (1990): Tragi-comedy about passee stroking (811516)
2.00 The Electric Horseman (1990): Robert Redford steals a horse (53032087)
4.15 The Gift us 8 15am (198871)
6.15 Dr. Who and the Daleis (1965). Stammy Peter Cushing (2251535)
8.15 Stature (1989): Cornedy about a young man's romaints adventures (49238993)
10.05 The Take (1989): Ray Sharkey gets involved with Cuban drug carels (215784)
11.40 In Cold Blood (1967): Two drifters commit murder during a robbery (775279622)
2.05am Powerow Highway (1989): An indian rescues his sister from jal (428611)
3.40 Saam Whiskey (1969): But Reynolds is hired to retrieve gold bullion from a meer bed (501104). Ends at 5.00

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

● Via the Astra satellite.
4.00pm Mr Ed (4852 4.30 Peticost Anction (6264) 5.00 The New Leave n to Beaver (5121) 5.30 Green Acres (7516) 6.00 Here's Lucy (4429) 6.30 Small Wonder (5581) 7.00 F Troop (7887) 7.30 McHale's Nawy (7993) 8.00 Mother and Son (6535) 8.20 Br's Garry Shanding's Snow (2142) 9.00 Hogan's Heroes (63332) 9.30 Here's Lucy (69177) 10.00 The Last Laugh (38719) 10.30 McHale's Navy (41239)

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 6.30am Aerobics (59210) 7.00 Autoglass 6.30am Aerobics (59210) 7.00 Autoglass Trophy (71332) 9.30 Netbusters (58239) 10.00 Australian Rugby Leigue (14603) 12.00 Nascar Winston Cup (50325) 2.00pm Amencan Sports Cavalcade (54719) 3.00 ATP Tennis (73697) 5.00 Inside Tennis (1448) 6.00 Redime (13974) 7.00 Boots and All (68351) 8.00 Ringside (55887) 10.00 European League Round-Up (67622) 11.00 Australian Rules Football (72968) 1.00ma Redime (18562)

EUROSPORT

O Via the Astra satalitie.

8.00am Horse Ball European Masters (16149) 9.00 Tennis ATP Tour (191852) 12.00 Cycling (191859) 1.00pm Equestrein World Cup Final (28806) 2.00 Football European Cups (51429) 3.30 Truck Rading (86034.00) American Supercross Grand Pra, Tampa (34806) 9.00 Live Basketball (16239) 6.30 Rally International Champiorship (2239) 7.00 Live Basketball (37351) 8.30 Eurosport News (55019) 9.00 Football European Cups (31719) 10.30 Trans World Sport (85061) 11.30 Eurosport News (64142)

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7.00am Eurobics (83719) 7.30 Augusta Masters 1932 (94996210) 9.15 Golf Report (8641734) 9.30 Volvo PGA European Tour 1992 (64751) 10.98 Eurobics (93622) 11.00 Matchroom Pro Box (74719) 1.00pm indy Car World Series 1992 (28852) 2.00 Eurobics (9603) 2.30 FRA European Rallycross 1992 (47827) 3.30 French Rugby League (51837) 4.30 NHz (se Hockey (80226) 6.30 Argentine Societ (53806) 7.30 Motorsport (53806) 8.30 European Championship Billiants (55603) 9.30 Spanish Football (16167) 11.30 World League of US Football (16245)

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• Vis the Astra satellite.

10.00am Getting fit with Dense Austin (66500) 10.30 The Great American Gameshows (2763061) 11.20 Style File (1534023) 11.25 Seath for Tomorow (3847535) 11.50 Selb, Jessy Raphael (2261245) 12.45pm Dand Hamiston's People (669210) 1.15 The Joan Rivers Show (7420971) 2.05 Skyways (4874697) 3.05 Selb-eVison (5638239) 3.30 Cover Story (6245) 4.00 Tea Break (3485158) 4.10 WKIP in Circumst (6331500) 4.40 The Great American Gameshows (5651448) 3.30 Selb-eVison (5516) 6.00 Remangton Steele (33784) 7.00 Selb-eVison (936852) 10.90 Juliebox Music Videos (4700790) 2.00am Last Juliebox Dance (24272)

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Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 in Concert Shakespears Stater, recorded at the Town and
Country Club in March the year 10.00 Micky Campbel Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am
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Sataburg Connection (104307) 2-15 America's Top Ten (57659) 2-45 Videofashion
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7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Lekeu (Symphonic Fantasy on two folk-songs from Anjou); FauréMessager (Souvenirs de Bayreuth); Defius (Sea Drift); Haydri (Sonata V., It is finished — The Seven Last Words of our Saviour on the Cross, Op 51) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Linky (Atys — excepts: Les Arts Horssants under William Christie, with Guy de Mey, tenor, as Atys)
9.35 Morning Sequence: Ravel (Faniare pour L'Eventail de Jeanne: NYPO under Pierre Boulez); Bach (Cantata No 4, Christ lag in Todesbanden: Musc Projects London under Richard Bemas); Anon, arr Daniel Benkó (Renaissance Hungarian Dances: Bakfark

Normar Bernas; Arton, arr Daniel Benkö (Renaissance Hungarian Dances: Baldark Consort under Daniel Benkö); Arvo Pärt (Es sind vot langeri Jahren: Christopher Robson, counter-tenor, Stephen Bingham, violin, Bridget Carey, viola); Ravel (Pavarie pour une Infante défunte: Cleveland Orchestra under Pierre Boulez); Alexander Goehr (Sonata about Jerusalem: Music Projects London under Richard Bernas); Schoenberg (Ein Stelldichein: London

stelldichein; London Sinfonletta under David

Downes)
11.45 Mahler (Symphony No 5 in C sharp minor, Scottish National Orchestra under Järvi) (r)

1.00pm News 1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Live from Studio

Atherton); Stravinsky (Cantata: Music Projects London under Richard Bernas); Michael

Berkeley (Gregorian Variations: BBC PO under Edward

One, Pebble Mill. The violinist Ernst Kovacic and the pianist David Owen Norris take us on

a world tour in the company

of Fritz Kreisler Rossini's Stabat Mater: City

mezzo-soprano, Arthur Davies, tenor, Roderick Earle, bass

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of London Sinfonia; London Symphony Chorus under Richard Hickox, with Helen Field, soprano, Della lones, (3876017) 3.10 The Ray Bradbury Theatre (7954814) 3.45 Raw Power (388794) 4.45-5.30 Central JobPinder '92 (3725017)

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As London except: 2.50pm-3.15 The Young Doctors (8158177) 3.23-3.55 Home

3.10 Beethoven and Mozart: Endelion Quartet, with Roger Chase, viola, performs Beethoven (Quartet in F, Op

4.45 BBC Concert Orchestra under Jiri Starek performs Suk (Symptony in E, Op 14) (r) 5.30 Malnly for Pleasure, with Malcolm Singer 7 On News

Makcolm Singer
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear

CHOICE: The practical realist in Wim Wenders, the German film director, asserts itself tonight to the implicit regret of Nigel Andrews, his interviewer, who wonders what kind of future there is for individual cultural identities in, say, France and Italy now that normadic film-makers are becoming the norm.

becoming the norm. Wenders's French/German/ Australian film Until the End of the World has a cast drawn

from eight countries, and was

shot in so. Wenders concedes that European film-makers will retain only a small part of their

national feeling once they start sheltering under a common roof. Not for nothing, it

roof. Not for nothing, it appears, is Wenders currently the chairman of the European Film Academy.

7.30 BBC Scottlish Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle performs Brahms (Symphony No 3 in F, Op 90; Symphony No 1 in C minor, Op 68) (r).

9.00 Itons in Sound: Father Philip Steer explains that John Tavener's The Protecting Ved is also the name of a feast-day in the Orthodox Church BBC Symphony Orchestra under Oliver Krussen, with Stephen Issells, cello

9.50 Music in our Time: Centre for Microtonal Music Ensemble;

Microtonal Music Ensemble; New London Chamber Chor

under James Wood performs

under James Wood performs
Jannis Xenakis (Nurts);
Jonathan Harvey (Valley of
Aosta); Glacinto Scelsi (Yliam);
James Wood (Phanomena)

11.00 Phantom Navigations. In the
second of three programmes
on the jazz-rock ensemble
Weather Report, Ben Watson
examines the mid-1970s

Week: Richard Strauss (r)

18 No 1); Mozari (Quintet in C, K 515; Quintet in D, K 593)

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Correspondent (TW Orny)
10.30 The Royal Maundy Service
(LW Only): The Queen
distributes the Royal Maundy
at a service in Chester

12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm King Street Junior: Is
There a Father Christmas? A
school corriedy by Jim Eldridge
12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 The Passion Play: An
adaptation of the best of the
medieval mystery plays from
Coventry, York and Wakefield.
With Steven Granville as Jesus,
Steve Hodson as Judas and
Mary Mirmby has Mary (s) (d)

new shows opening on

1.00 The World at One

YORKSHIRE As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (8118332) 6.00 Calendar (603) Survival 45491776) 10.40 Calendar Com-mentary (786326) 11.10 Time Please (826264) 11.40 Meditations for Holy Week (684055) 11.59 Film: Charley Varnol. (22321887) 1.55 Night Heat (8055949) 2.55 America's Top Ten (2734036) 3.25 Cinematoractions (47357765) 3.55 Music

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5.55em Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
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The Best Part of India. Written
by Emily Eden 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Puriters
9.45 Beloved Country: In the
second of five programmes,
Nadine Gordimer, the Nobel
prize-winning author,
considers the part writers and
artists should play in building
the new South Africa
10.00-10.30em News; Crowin
Papeas (FM only): Third of a
six-part drama Serial by Peter
Ling and Juliet Ace about the
Engish aristocracy in the
1930s (s) (r)
10.00 Am Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only):
Zephanjah. Read by Marmta
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10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only):
Diana Rigg talks to Jenni
Murray abrut the role in Resisters 4.45 Short Story Sabbatical, by Alun Richards 5.00 PM 5.55 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Winston in Europe: Finis, by Peter Tinniswood (s) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20-8.00 The High Priest of Latin

(FM only)

CHOICE: Father Reginald
Foster is a Carmelite priest
from Mitwaukee to whom the
question "We've been to the moon — so who needs Latin?" should never be

Latin?" should never be addressed by anyone who, figuratively speaking, does not want to be reduced to pulp his devoton to Latin has little to do with the fact that he is the Pope's official Latin translator. That is merely the effect of his addiction. The cause of it is his consistion. Cause of it is his conviction that Latin is the supranational language, and the all-purpose one, too. He uses it when ordering his takeaway pizza, and when re-telling the story of Caesar's murder. "You rotten burn, Cascal" is scarcely Shakespearian, but it is a fair translation of what Plutarch

7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.00 Analysis: In The Mood David
Walker considers how shifts in
public attitudes can affect

government policy 8.45 5,000 and Ten: After more than 5,000 years of Jewish history, Trevor Barnes asks Dr Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi, what he can hope to achieve in a Decade of

achieve in a Renewal Renewal 9.00 Does He Take Sugar? 9.30 Kaleldosope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather

11.00 Sex, Lies and Audiotape: Bedtime Story The final part of Smon Booker's cornedy

examines the mid-1970s 11.30 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the

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10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Four
British Folk Tales — Monday,
Tuesday by Varion Constitute

Tuesday, by Kevin Crossley-Holland

Mary Wimbush as Mary (s) (r)

3.00 Down Your Way, John Cole, the BBC's political editor, visits Monnouth in Gwent (r)

3.40 Poetry Please! with Simon Rae 4.00 News

4.05 Kalehostone memory bloomed. Rae 4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Howard
Brenton's Berlin Bertie at the
Royal Court Theatre; and the 11.30 Talk About the Pest (s) (?)
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.2?
Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43
World Service (LW only)

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